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WIDESPREAD HUNT FOR PARACHUTISTS

Mysterious Discoveries In Midlands And Scotland Many Parachutes But No Trace Of Men

PARTS OF ENGLAND AND ONE AREA IN SCOTLAND WERE GRIPPED WITH PARACHUTIST ALARM FEVER YESTERDAY FOLLOWING THE DISCOVERY OF NUMBERS OF PARACHUTES DOTTED OVER THE LANDSCAPE.

No explanation of the source of these parachutes is forthcoming, but widespread organised searches have revealed nothing, and one suggestion is that German planes dropped parachutes as part of the war of nerves.

SHANGHAI'S MILITARY RIDDLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The "Shanghai Evening Post" reports that on Monday Colonel J. W. Hornby, Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps; and Captain H. M. Smythe, Deputy Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police, attended a meeting of foreign military commanders held at the invitation of Colonel De Witt Peck, Commanding Officer of the Fourth U.S. Marines.

Military commanders present included the British, French and Italian. Although invited, no Japanese representative attended. The "Evening Post" understands that decisions were reached for American forces to take over the sectors which will be vacated by the British following their withdrawal towards the end of the month.

It also understands that it was decided that the Japanese should take over certain positions occupied in West Hongkew, north of the Soochow Creek, by the British.

No Statement

U.S. Marines officials, when questioned in connection with the meeting, declined to make any statement.

A further meeting of the foreign military commanders will be held to-day. It was to have been held under the chairmanship of Rear-Admiral Takeda, C.I.C. Japanese Naval Landing Party.

It cannot yet be ascertained whether, following his return to Shanghai in a submarine, Admiral Thomas Hart, U.S. Asiatic Fleet, (who is senior to Rear-Admiral Takeda), will take the chair.—Havas.

The mysterious development, nevertheless caused considerable excitement in the regions concerned, the Midlands and Scotland, and extra guards have been posted.

An official statement by the Ministry of Home Security issued last night said: "There is no evidence of parachutists having landed either in England or Scotland."

"Reports have been received of a number of parachutes apparently dropped from aircraft having been found in two areas in England and one area in Scotland. A widespread search was immediately instituted by the police, military and home guards, and the search is continuing, but no parachutists have yet been found and hitherto there is no evidence that parachutists have landed."

Reuter amplifying the official version, says that eleven parachutes were discovered in country districts round a Midland town early yesterday morning.

Strange Stories

Immediately, the local defence system came into operation. Soldiers, special police and members of the Home Guard made a widespread search, scouring the countryside methodically, and other precautions were taken including the strengthening of the military guards on the roads leading into the town.

Residents in the district told strange stories.

One farmer said that parachutes were discovered near his land, but no trace of any men could be found and some of them had been wondering if it could have been a German hoax.

One parachute was found in the middle of a village cricket pitch.

Another was fastened to a rambling rose-bush at the side of a house.

The discoveries followed several hours of air activity in the region.

Scottish Incident

In Scotland, following the appearance of a large aeroplane during the night, sixteen open parachutes were found at various parts of the district during yesterday morning.

The military authorities took possession of the parachutes and placed a cordon round the areas affected.

There is no report of any parachutists being captured.—Reuter.

INDO-CHINA SOCIAL GATHERING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

VICE-ADMIRAL DECOUX, GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF FRENCH INDO-CHINA, AND MME. DECOUX WERE HOSTS YESTERDAY AT A HANOI LUNCHEON IN HONOUR OF GENERAL NISHIHARA.

Among the guests were the Japanese Consul-General, Captain Maruyama, Captain Yanagisawa and Colonel Koike, all members of the Japanese mission; and the Embassy secretary.

Others attending were M. Delgalle, Secretary-General, ex-Governor Pham Lebong, President of the House of Representatives, Tonkin, M. Charton, Director of Education in Indo-China, M. Cassier, General Inspector of Public Works, M. Ginestou, Director of Customs Monopolltan, Captain Jouhan, Chief of Staff of French Naval Forces in the Far East, and Major Thiebaut, French military attache to Japan.—Havas.

GERMAN PILOT MAKES AN ADMISSION

A German pilot shot down on Monday admitted the loss of at least 50 planes on Sunday. Germany claimed to have lost only 17.

The German method of fantastic claims neither deceives their own men nor helps their morale.—Reuter.

TRAWLER SUNK BY BOMBERS

The Admiralty announces that the minesweeping trawler, Elizabeth Angela, sustained damage as the result of enemy air attack and subsequently sank. The crew suffered some casualties, of which one was fatal.—British Wireless.

WEATHER FORECAST: — East winds, fresh; fair generally.

SOVIET BIG STICK OVER FINLAND

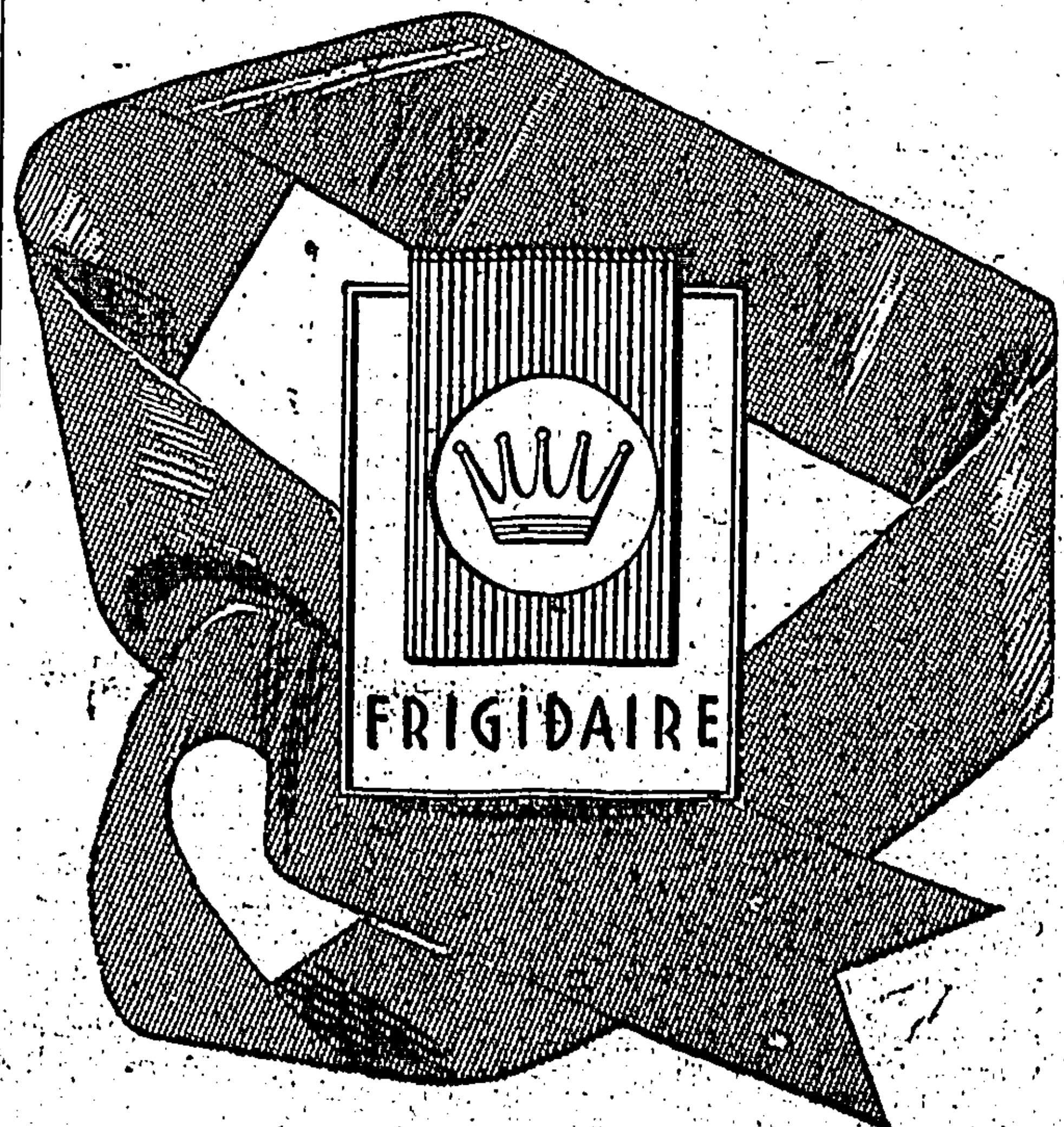
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The sudden arrival in Helsinki of the Finnish Minister to Moscow has led to the belief that he brought with him new Soviet demands on Finland.

Meanwhile, pro-Communist demonstrations have taken place again around Helsinki, whose population is somewhat alarmed. Soviet effectives stationed on the Finnish border are estimated at about 28 divisions. The Finnish military authorities have taken precautionary measures, cancelling all military leave, etc.—Havas.

AMERICANS TO FLY BOMBERS

Civilian pilots are being recruited in the United States to fly bombers from Canada to the United Kingdom, the spokesman of the Canadian Air Ministry has informed Reuter's Ottawa correspondent.



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GERMANS AND DANES IN CLASH

There was a clash between German soldiers and Danish civilians at Frederikshaven on August 3, according to the Copenhagen Radio, picked up in London last night.

As a result of the clash, eight men were arrested and were sentenced at Copenhagen yesterday to terms of imprisonment.

It was stated by the radio announcer that "irresponsible elements" committed an assault on the German forces of occupation.

The Danish Minister of Justice has issued a warning describing the incident as "highly deplorable" and adding that repetitions may "result in a serious disturbance of relations between the German Army and the people of our country."

It is disclosed that field telephones laid by German troops have been damaged and that five men have so far been sentenced to imprisonment for such offences. — Reuter.

ITALIAN ANTI-GREEK CAMPAIGN

ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST ALBANIANS SHOW NO SIGNS OF DIMINISHING IN GREECE, ACCORDING TO STEFANI, THE ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY. FOREIGN OBSERVERS, HOWEVER, BELIEVE THAT THIS CAMPAIGN IS BEING PUT OUT TO COVER ITALY'S OWN TROUBLES IN ALBANIA.

The Italian press is also talking of revisions in the Balkans.

For instance, "Popolo di Roma" says that the whole section from the Adriatic to the Black Sea enters the picture of reconstruction in Europe. This includes Yugoslavia, Albania and Greece, while Turkey holds the entrance to the Black Sea.

Turkey is keeping a close eye on the Balkan situation and especially on the Italian press campaign against Greece. — Reuter.

More Arrests

More Albanians have been arrested in the Greek frontier province of Ciamuria, according to the Italian news agency in a despatch to Rome from Tirana.

The agency says that the accused "refused to act as spies and propaganda agents for Greece."

Italian newspapers continue their violent attacks against Greece. — Reuter.

BRITISH AIR SUPREMACY

Accepting with the press in general the accuracy of the British figures concerning the Channel air fighting, the Istanbul newspaper "Aksham" adds that it is a fact that British official communications are never untrue.

This has been proved by the evidence of the whole year. Why should the British tell lies when their own papers do not refrain daily from publishing the German communiques and even German news broadcasts?

A nation which aimed to conduct propaganda consisting of falsehoods would never give space to enemy news.

The paper concludes that the air fighting in the Channel was a test that has proved British air supremacy. — Reuter.

R.A.F. PAYS VISIT TO MILAN AND TURIN

IL DUCE'S VITAL AIRCRAFT WORKS BLAZING

ON TUESDAY NIGHT, the R.A.F. carried out its first raid on Italy since the collapse of France, bombing the Caproni aircraft works at Milan and the Fiat aircraft works at Turin.

THESE ARE ITALY'S two most vital aircraft works and the raiders left behind them blazing and smashed factories, seriously damaged.

One pilot as he re-crossed the Alps could see the dull glare from the Caproni Works miles behind him.

The British bombers flew 1,600 miles, crossing the Alps on two occasions and having to fly sometimes three miles up in order to cross the snow-capped peaks.

One pilot remained over Turin from 12.30 a.m. to 1.15 a.m., scoring several direct hits, which caused two large explosions and fierce blazes to spring up.

Another pilot scored direct hits on the south end of the factory with incendiary bombs and more hits on the other end with high-explosive bombs.

A third dropped more heavy bombs, causing many fires to break out.

Railway sidings were hit and a large railway crossing torn up and wrecked.

Bombs burst all over the Caproni works at Milan. Incendiary bombs fell in a line all along the main building and heavy bombs caused several explosions. Heavy bombs were also dropped on the adjacent aerodrome, where fires and explosions were started.

More bombs were dropped on the Caproni works, adding to the many fires which had already been started.

Two direct hits from 1,000 feet were also made on the main railway line linking Milan with Venice.

The R.A.F. raid apparently took the Italians by surprise, and anti-aircraft fire was scanty and ineffective.

All our planes returned safely except for one, which made a forced landing in the Channel near the English coast. The crew was rescued. — Reuter.

VAST JUNKERS FACTORY HEAVILY HIT

The Air Ministry News Service says that the vast Junkers factory at Dessau, which was one of Germany's main centres of aircraft production, was heavily damaged in Tuesday night's raid.

The Works, which are within 60 miles of Berlin and extend over many acres, were systematically bombed for over an hour and numerous direct hits were scored.

The crew of one aircraft, whose bombs fell in line across the main buildings, reported that one hit destroyed the main power house and another severely damaged the airframe assembly sheds and a large sheet-metal shop.

In another attack, from only 1,000 feet, an experimental shop was hit and blown up.

Shower Of Debris

Bernburg, which is a subsidiary Junkers factory 20 miles away, was hit by salvos of high explosive and incendiary bombs which burst into flames within the target area where airframes for dive bombers and troop transports are produced. A line of bombs exploded across the aerodrome, and part of a building struck by a heavy bomb went up in a shower of debris.

Fires and explosions were observed at several munitions fac-

ories which were bombed. Railway yards were also attacked and bombs were seen to burst on the mainline track between Duisberg and Krefeld.

The aerodromes attacked extended as far east as Magesburg. A fire at Brest following an attack on the seaplane base was still visible when the raiders were well on their way home.

There were similar results on other hangars east of Brussels and the surrounding country was lit for miles by the glow of the raging fires. — Reuter.

EX-H.K. DESTROYER IN ACTION

An Admiralty communique states: In early hours of this (Wednesday) morning the destroyers Malcolm and Verity, made contact with enemy light forces consisting of six armed trawlers and three E-Boats.

Our destroyers at once engaged the enemy. The enemy forces retired behind smoke screens as soon as they were illuminated by the searchlights of the destroyers. They were able to escape.

Three of the enemy vessels were seen to be hit and it is thought that one armed trawler and one E-boat were sunk.

No damage or casualties were suffered by either of our destroyers. — British Wireless.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS IN YUNNAN

Rich archaeological finds have been unearthed in a number of ancient tombs and sites in Tali, Yunnan, by the archaeological party of the National Central Museum.

In charge of the field work is Dr. Wu Ching-ding, author of the Prehistoric Pottery of Ancient China, assisted by Mrs. Wu and Miss C. Y. Tseng.

Stone axes, adzes, chisels, pottery, bowls, basins, cooking utensils and other articles were found. Some of them are believed to belong to prehistoric times. — Central News.

LATEST TRICK

Charged with the theft of a letter, Chan Leung, 30, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning.

The letter was taken from No. 32, Nam Chang Street at 6.30 p.m. yesterday—an hour after its delivery by the postman. The letter was in his possession when he was arrested.

Apparently he intended to change the envelope and deliver it himself to get a tip.

HYDERABAD FUND "OVER-SUBSCRIBED"

THE SUM OF £38,000 HAS BEEN SUBSCRIBED TO THE HYDERABAD FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF HURRICANES. THIS IS £15,000 MORE THAN WAS ASKED FOR.

A cheque for £75,000 towards an Indian Air Squadron and a draft for £11,000 for the R.A.F. has been given by the chairman of the Bombay War Gifts Committee.

So far 263,000 rupees have been collected by the Ceylon War Purposes Fund. — Reuter.

GRAZIANI PAUSES BEFORE ATTACK ON EGYPT

DESPITE THE LARGE-SCALE Italian offensive in Somaliland and the imminence of a clash of the main forces, the situation on the Libyan border remains remarkably quiet, states Reuter's Cairo correspondent.

There appears to have been some setback in Italy's plans for the invasion of Egypt which ten days ago seemed likely to coincide with the Somaliland operations.

This may be due in part to the destruction wrought by the Royal Air Force on the Nazi and Italian air forces.

The deadliness of the R.A.F. in the Channel combats has caused astonishment in Egypt and drawn high praise of the prowess of British airmen.

The destruction wreaked by the R.A.F. on the Italian air force has created an enormous impression and there is reported to be a feeling of misgiving among the Italians in Libya who listen to the Cairo broadcasts.

The moral effect of many pilots not returning from encounters with the R.A.F. must be considerable.

The knowledge that companions, regarded as fine pilots, have been shot down so rapidly that five were descending by parachute at one time in a recent encounter is stated to be causing a feeling bordering on panic.

New Factor

Already the British pilots have noticed that the Italians are fighting in a spirit of defeatism and appear to be fighting to save their lives rather than to defeat their enemies.

It is thought that General Graziani may be pausing to consider his chances of pushing into Egypt in the light of these factors. — Reuter.

Kenya Quiet

A communique issued in Nairobi yesterday states: During the last three days our aircraft have been carrying out normal reconnaissance. There have been no reports of any ground activity. — Reuter.

Patrol Encounter

A communique issued from the British headquarters in Cairo yesterday stated: In the Western Desert on Tuesday a patrol encounter 35 miles inside Italian territory resulted in the withdrawal of the enemy patrol, otherwise all was quiet.

JUNKERS AIRCRAFT FACTORIES BOMBED

The Air Ministry announces that during Tuesday/Wednesday night, in addition to the raids on Italy, strong forces of R.A.F. bombers attacked the Junkers aircraft factories at Dessau and Bernburg (north of Leipzig), munition factories at Lunen and Grevenbroich, various military objectives in the Ruhr, and fourteen aerodromes in Germany, Holland, Belgium and France.

One of our aircraft is missing. — Reuter.

DISQUIET IN TURKEY

UNEASINESS IS FELT IN TURKEY OVER ITALY'S ACCUSATIONS AGAINST GREECE IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF DAUTHOGGIA, ACCORDING TO THE ISTANBUL NEWSPAPER "TAN," WHICH POINTS OUT THAT ITALY IS MAKING CERTAIN INCIDENTS IN ALBANIA THE PRETEXT FOR INCREASING HER ARMED FORCES IN THAT REGION.

Reminding its readers of the Corfu incident in 1923 and the strategic importance of the island to Italy at the present time, the newspaper asks whether there is really a revolt in Albania or is Italy's move really a "manoeuvre of excitement?" — Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone is stationary in the Pacific, to the east of N. Japan. The depression of the China Sea is situated about 120 miles south-east of the Paracels, moving W.N.W.; the Pacific depression is moving on a westerly track about 350 miles north of Yap.

ROSIER AND ROSIER

Remarkable Figures In Final Air Battle Check-Up

NEW SORT OF FEELING IN R.A.F.

Only three cases of engine troubles in two years is the proud record of one squadron of Spitfires, its commander reveals. The planes are very reliable, the Squadron-Commander says, and new pilots take to them like ducks to water.

During an engagement at Dunkirk, they sailed into a formation of 80 Nazi planes and shot down 19 of them, without one Spitfire sustaining a single bullet hole!

Illustrating the modest R.A.F. claims of the number of German planes brought down, he said that in one series of dog-fights they only claimed eight machines, but he himself calculated that 24 were hit, most of them so badly it is unlikely they ever got home.

From Dunkirk, the squadron turned its attention to the defence of Britain.

Every man, the commander went on, feels something stirring inside when he sees bombs being dropped on Britain, and this "makes him fight like the very deuce" to prevent it.

"There is a new sort of feeling here since the first Dover battle," he continued.

In A Dog-Fight

Describing what happens when the squadron receives instructions as to where the enemy is, he said that they flew off at a great height until they located the enemy and then shot down to about 4,000 feet, pouncing on the bombers and fighters.

His own impression of a dog-fight is that one suddenly hears the noise of what seems to be a typewriter. This means that a Messerschmidt is firing on you from behind.

"Aerobatics then start—and one of you goes down!" After the fight, the planes fly back to their aerodrome in ones and twos.

The ground-staff generally know before anyone else if a pilot has had a good day because, although it is against regulations, the pilot, on approaching the drome, gives an upward roll or pulls another stunt to express his glee!—Reuter.

DANES NEAR BREAKING POINT

The following letter by Valfrid Spaanberg, Swedish editor, is published in the provincial Swedish press:—

"It is a grave mistake to imagine that the German yoke is lighter than the Russian and to believe that concessions are more satisfactory than resistance. 'Austrians and Czechs can testify to the latter as well as the Danes who, though only at the beginning, are getting as much as they can stand and look to the future with terror.

Denmark's Future

"Plans are already being made to remodel Denmark on German lines. Previously comfortable people are starving and everything edible in Denmark has been taken and replaced by substitutes worth little.

"The whole of Europe is to provide supplies for the German Army with recompense."—Reuter.

Three British Pilots Lost: 78 Nazi Planes

A more complete check-up shows that on Tuesday, the Nazis lost 78 planes for certain. We lost 13 planes, but 10 pilots are safe. Seven of them are not even injured.

Some 500 German planes were used in waves against Southampton and the Kentish coast. Some got through and dropped bombs on Southampton, but they paid dearly, for 22 were destroyed, nine of them Junkers dive-bombers.

The Germans, it is believed, are prepared to lose large numbers of planes in order to keep the Spitfires and Hurricanes busy while the bombers work more or less unmolested. If this is so, the plan is not working well, as these figures show:—

On Sunday, the Germans lost 22 bombers and fighter-bombers and 44 fighters;

On Monday, they lost 30 bombers and fighter-bombers and 32 fighters.

On Tuesday, they lost 54 bombers and fighter-bombers and 14 fighters.

In other words, the R.A.F. is getting the bombers.

It is stated officially in London that the number of German planes probably destroyed or badly damaged in the past two weeks is even greater than the 140 claimed as definitely brought down.

The official claim is always a conservative one, and although in the present type of fighting it is impossible to stick to the old rule of not claiming a victory unless it is seen by two pilots, it is a point of honour with each R.A.F. pilot not to claim a German plane unless he has seen it break up or crash.

As a result of this, the official figures are often less than half of those unlikely to return home.

In the past eight weeks, the ratio of German to English losses has been 4 to 1. From June 19 to Tuesday—56 days—the R.A.F. and A.A. batteries shot down 527 enemy planes, while the Royal Navy brought down another 16 in British waters.

NO REBUKE FOR MR. CUDAHY

Mr. Cudahy, the American Ambassador to Belgium, who was recalled to Washington, visited the White House yesterday and saw President Roosevelt.

Afterwards, Mr. Cudahy said he was authorised to tell the Press that he had not received a rebuke from the President and there was no question of his resigning.

He added that President Roosevelt had said that the action of the State Department in disavowing his London interview was not intended as a rebuke.—Reuter.

BURGLARS SENT TO PRISON

Four months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning on Sze To-fan, 20, and Tam Kal, 21, for theft and burglary.

Det.-Sgt. W. G. Morrison said accused were arrested in Shanghai Street yesterday with clothing which they had stolen from No. 39, Argyle Street early that morning.

On August 7, they had broken into the Kwong Sang Factory, Portland Street, and had stolen a typewriter and an electric fan.

around the coast, making a total of 543 planes or 9½ a day.

In that same period and in the same area, the R.A.F. lost 120 planes or roughly two a day.

In addition, 21 R.A.F. pilots of this number are safe. The Germans lost over 500 men, killed or captured, as against our 99.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON'S CLOSE WATCH ON CHANNEL BATTLES

DOMESTIC ISSUES are taking a back seat as Washington watches the fateful battle of the English Channel, for it is widely realised that its results may be fateful also for America.

On every hand hope is expressed that the Royal Air Force may continue to prove its mettle.

The "Washington Post" declares: "The stakes in the battle are of incalculable magnitude but if Britain triumphs, the blight which for years have been spreading over the world will be arrested."

The newspaper's political correspondent says that on the battle depends not only the fate of the British Empire but the fate of all free peoples.

He deplores the fact that while the last two months have given Britain the opportunity to improve her defences they also have been of value to Germany in the United States, where those who once spoke of a phoney war now talk of phoney fears, with the result that American eagerness to help Britain is beginning to "wilt under the wind of irresolution."

Frightful Climax

The "Baltimore Sun" says that clearly, the war is moving to some new frightful climax, and adds that Germany is preparing some new main stroke, the fate of which will not be known until it "encounters the determined resistance of a resolute people."

With the mounting anxiety caused by the opening of the blitzkrieg, some circles in Washington think that President Roosevelt may shortly take action concerning the sale of destroyers to England.

Soundings on the subject are reported to have already been made in Congress on this behalf.—Reuter.

AXIS CHIEFS TO TRY CONSISTENCY

GERMANY AND ITALY HAVE APPARENTLY DECIDED THEY HAD BETTER TELL THE SAME STORY IN THEIR COMMUNIQUE AND OTHER "NEWS" ANNOUNCEMENTS.

It is announced in Berlin that Dr. Goebbels has received the Chief of the Italian Stefani news agency.

It is officially announced further that they "discussed German-Italian operations in the field of news!"—Reuter.

BAN ON SALE OF CREAM IN BRITAIN

The Ministry of Food announced last night that the sale of all kinds of cream will be prohibited as from October 1 with the object of conserving liquid milk supplies, to use them for the manufacture of essential dairy products.

The milk saved, amounting to approximately 70,000,000 gallons in a normal year, will be diverted to other purposes.—Reuter.

BRITISH BLOCKADE PROBLEM

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Government had received no communication from the Government of the United States with regard to letting food supplies through the blockade to the unoccupied part of France.

At the same time, the House might take it that the Government were in close touch with the United States Government on matters such as the one mentioned.

Asked what steps were being taken to enable French refugee sailors of the mercantile marine and fishermen who are now in this country to secure a livelihood and to assist in the Allied cause, Mr. Butler said that arrangements had been made for those French sailors who were willing to serve in their own ships to do so, sailing under the British and French flags, receiving the same pay and working in the same conditions as British seamen.

Many had accepted these conditions although others had offered to return to France and were now awaiting repatriation.

Every effort had been made to enable French fishermen now in this country to go to sea and fish from their own vessels, thus contributing to the nation's supply of food.—Reuter.

UNCERTAINTY IN FRENCH COLONIES

Information continues to reach London from the French colonies in Africa, suggesting an atmosphere of uncertainty in those territories.

In the French Cameroons, for instance, there is said to be a strong party in favour of supporting the free French Volunteers under General de Gaulle, while in Madagascar, the official tendency is to support the Vichy Government.

The tendency is tempered, however, by a widely-expressed desire that Madagascar continue to trade with British territories.

A new Governor-General has been appointed by the Vichy Government. This official was formerly in Dakar and his attitude towards the new French Government is stated to be not very clear.

Reports from the Belgian Congo show that the Government there continues very friendly to the Allied cause. It is understood that the considerable copper field there is continuing to export and close economic contact with the territory is being fully maintained.—Reuter.

KWANGSI GESTURE

The Kwangsi Provincial Government has issued an order exempting import tax on gasoline for a period of three months.—Central News.

BOATMEN CAUGHT IN MINEFIELD

"WE WERE CHASED BY THE JAPANESE," STATED FIVE CHINESE BOATMEN WHO WERE FINED \$20, OR THREE WEEKS' IMPRISONMENT, BY COMMANDER G. F. HOLE, HARBOUR MASTER, AT THE MARINE COURT THIS MORNING FOR ANCHORING IN THE TATHONG CHANNEL MINEFIELD YESTERDAY.

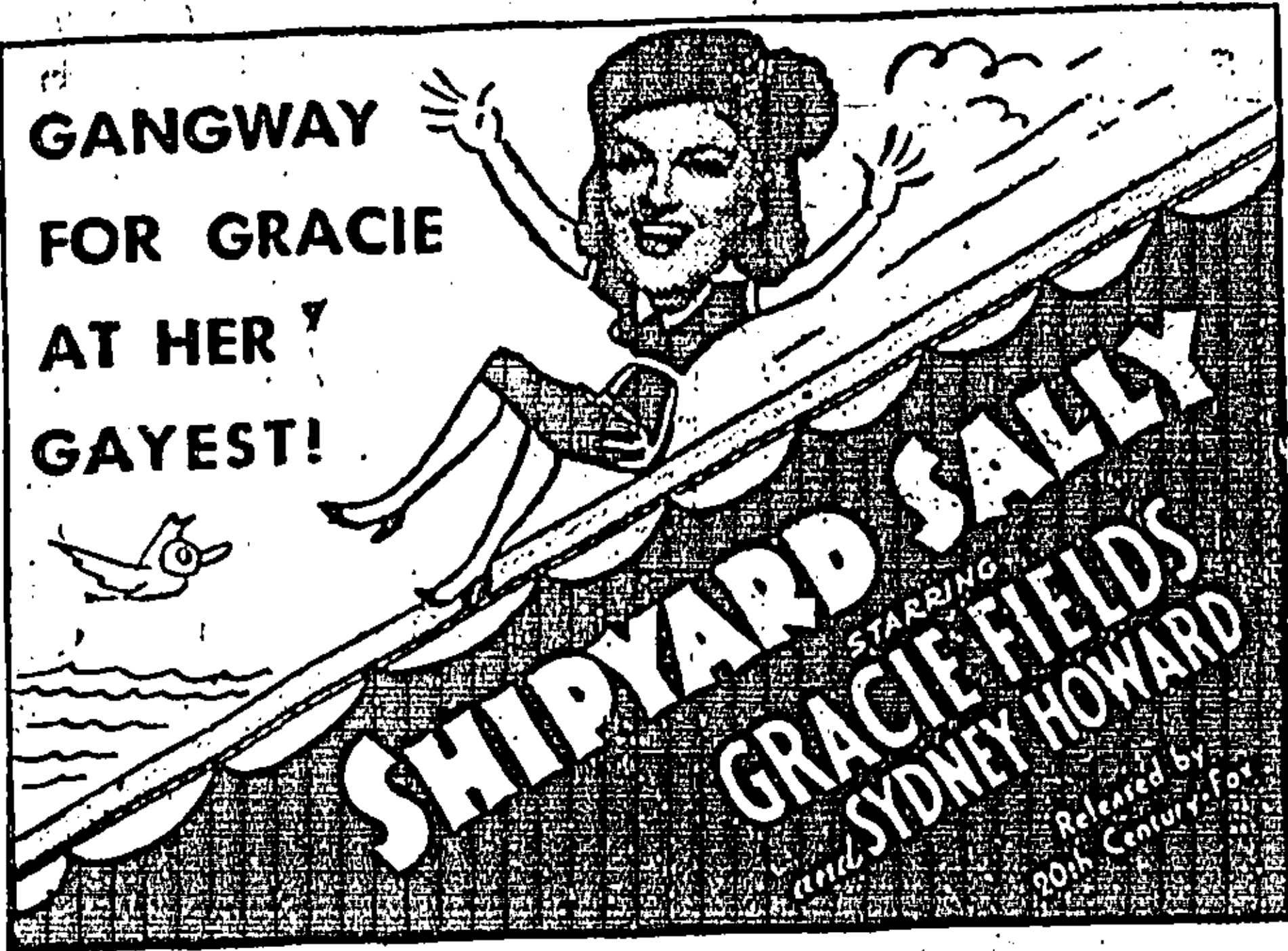
The men explained that they had always remained outside the harbour limits, but yesterday were chased by Japanese boats, and had to take refuge in the Colony's waters.

Asked why they did not anchor elsewhere, the men replied that they passed the Tathong Channel and saw other boats anchoring there so they did the same. They did not know that it was a prohibited area.

TANG LIANG-LI OFF AGAIN

A Domei agency despatch from Nanking, issued in Tokyo, today states that the demand made in a statement by Tang Liang-li, chief of publicity of the Japanese-sponsored Chinese Government, was that "America should follow the British example and withdraw her troops from China."

Tang alleged that the stationing of foreign troops in Shanghai was illegal and, commenting on "rumours of secret negotiations for transferring the British sector to the American guard," he declared that his Government would not acquiesce in any action affecting China, such as the secret transfer of treaty rights or privileges as between foreign powers.—Reuter.

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THE DETENTION OF AN OFFICER OF
THE ROYAL DRAGOONS IN THE TOWER
WAS THE SUBJECT OF A QUESTION AD-
DRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR WAR IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YES-
TERDAY.

The Minister was asked why Major A. D. Wintle, M.C., of the Dragoons, was confined to the Tower of London on June 22 although no charge was preferred against him until August 7.

Replying, Sir Edward Grigg, the Under-Secretary, said that instructions were sent from the War Office to the Western Command on June 20 that Major Wintle must be placed under close arrest and charged under Section 41 of the Army Act with committing a civil offence—assault.

Major Wintle was arrested on June 21 and was informed that he was charged with committing a civil offence.

He was brought to London on June 22 and was informed on the following day that the civil charge would be one of assault.

As the result of investigations, the Judge Advocate General's Department advised the War Office that certain new charges should be added.

This involved the collection of statements from other officers which took a little time.

"Grave Breaches Of Discipline"

Sir Edward Grigg said that Major Wintle was furnished with a complete charge sheet and abstract of the evidence on August 7 and the court-martial was provisionally summoned for August 12.

On August 9, it was postponed to August 19 and later to August 26 on the request of Major Wintle.

The new charges, said the Under-Secretary for War, alleged conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

"I may add," he said, "that Major Wintle's personal courage has never been in question. The charges were related entirely to grave breaches of discipline."—*Reuter.*

AMERICAN COMMENT ON BATTLE OF BRITAIN

AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT WHO WATCHED NAZI RAIDS ON A SOUTH COAST TOWN YESTERDAY SAYS THAT THE BRITISH FIGHTERS DEFINITELY DROVE OFF THE GERMAN PLANES, WHOM HE ESTIMATED TO NUMBER ABOUT 150.

The sky was filled with whirling planes, which looked like flies. While the fight was going on, bombs sent water splashing high from the sea as the Nazis jettisoned their loads.

Other German planes destroyed some barrage balloons.

Commenting on the fight as a whole, the American commentator said:

"There is no question about it. That attack was defeated."—*Reuter.*

TRAIN KILLS OFFICER

A Royal Artillery officer, Ian Norman Smith, of Castlemilk Road, Glasgow, was killed when he fell in front of a train at Bridge Street Underground station, Glasgow. He was speaking to a passenger when he staggered and fell to the line.

He had been at home for some time after injuring his leg while riding.

ITALIANS BEGIN TO WONDER WHY

ITALIANS IN YUGOSLAVIA ARE EXPRESSING CONCERN AT THE WAY GERMANY IS CUTTING THEM OUT OF THE TRADE MARKETS.

Yugoslavia agreed to supply Italy with 1,500 tons of copper a month, but has now been forced to promise this to Germany.

Slovakia, under Nazi guidance, is under-cutting Italy in Yugoslav markets by offering certain merchandise at 47 dinars, as against the 67 dinars, which is Italy's lowest price.

Germany, the same Italian circles complain, never consults Italy in any of the economic measures she takes in the Balkans, although she is bound to do so under the 1935 agreement.

Some Italian circles, openly state that if Germany wins this war she will turn Italy into an agricultural country, just as she is planning to do with France.—*Reuter.*

BEAT HIM UP—THEN TOOK HIM TO POLICE

That they beat him because he stole vegetables, was the explanation given by three gardeners to Mr. E. Himsworth this morning when they were charged with assaulting Tai Po, 38, at Au Pui Ling Village, Hunghom, yesterday. They were released on a \$10 bond and warned that they could not take the law into their own hands.

Sergeant Moss stated that defendants after the assault took the man to the station, alleging that he had stolen vegetables from their gardens. They could not, however, provide evidence in support of the allegation.

BRITISH SEIZURES OF CONTRABAND

It was authoritatively stated in London last night that during July, Britain had seized 45,300 tons of contraband, of which 34,600 was taken from neutral ships and 10,700 from Italian ships.—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN AT EASE IN NEAR EAST

The situation in Syria, it was stated in London yesterday, is on the whole, satisfactory.

It is understood that the political troubles in Palestine have almost disappeared and peace reigns among the Palestinian troops, who have arrived in Britain.

It is hoped that Palestine and other troops from Palestine, composed equally of Jews and Arabs will be available for service overseas.

It is pointed out that the remarkable nature of the present conflict is that, for the first time in history, the whole Islam world is ranged on one side and all attempts of the Italian propagandists to break down this position have proved futile.—*Reuter.*

VICHY AND INDO-CHINA

LYONS RADIO HAS BROADCAST A STATEMENT APPARENTLY INTENDED TO REASSURE FRENCHMEN ABOUT THE SITUATION IN FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

The announcer, quoting a despatch from Hanoi, said that Admiral Decoux, Governor-General, had made all arrangements in agreement with the French Government to deal with any deterioration in the position of Indo-China.—*Reuter.*

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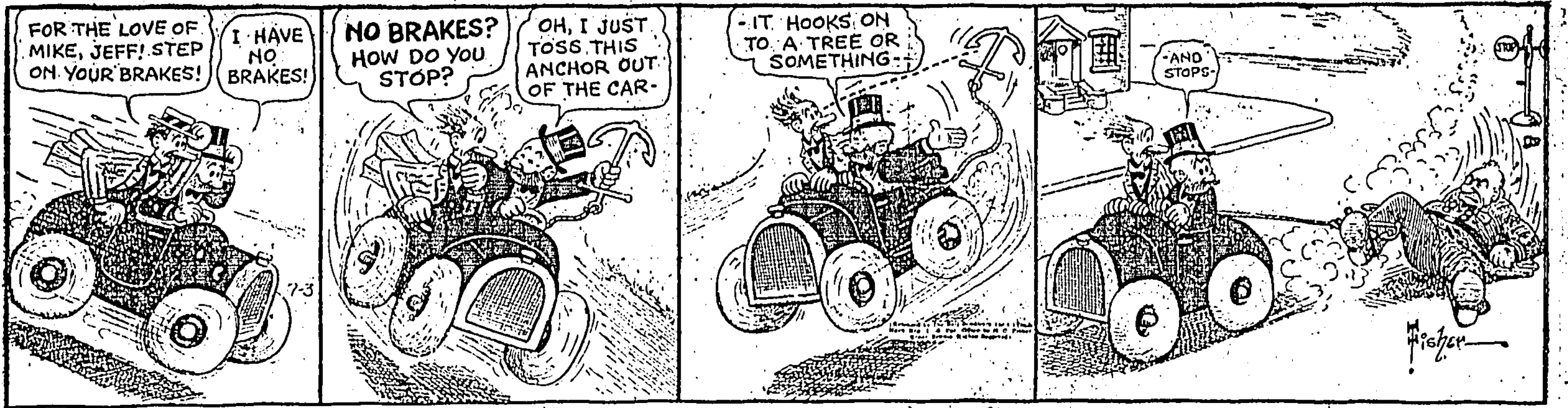
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TO-MORROW "BATTLE OF BROADWAY"

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BALKAN CAULDRON

It is now stated that the Hungaro-Rumanian negotiations over Transylvania are to be begin on Friday at Tormu Severin.

This venue was chosen at the request of the Hungarian delegates, who are due to arrive this evening.

The Rumanian delegation will be headed by Valerian Poy, Transylvanian Liberal and ex-Premier, who recently declared himself strongly against any attempt either "to deliver up Rumanian Transylvania to foreign domination or to impair the political unity of Rumania."

A Cabinet reshuffle is to include several Transylvanian Ministers.

A Rome Stefani despatch says (Continued on Next Column)

SWEDISH SHIP "CANTON" TORPEDOED

A message received in Stockholm yesterday states that the Gothenburg steamer, Canton, 5,779 tons, is reported to have been torpedoed.—Reuter.

Although no confirmation can be obtained, it is believed that the vessel referred to was, at one time, on a regular run to the Far East, touching at Hong Kong.

The Canton was built in Gothenburg in December, 1938.

She is a twin-screw vessel with three masts.

that the Hungarian delegation, to Rumania will be headed by M. Hory, Former Minister to Warsaw and himself a Transylvanian.—Reuter.

LESSONS OF HISTORY

Sir.—In certain Hong Kong papers, there have appeared articles attempting to explain the rapidity with which the German success (a temporary one, let us hope) on the Western Front had been obtained.

As usual, the "stay at home" and "arm chair strategists", are the ones who stuff their speeches with the well known "They should have done this, they should have foreseen that."

The most common mistake, which is becoming more and more general, tends to show the French General Staff as an assemblage of backward individuals, placing in contrast one clear minded officer, General de Gaulle.

This is not quite the fact; indeed, if the F.G.S., like others, includes officers (not many) sticking to old methods, I wish to assert very clearly that nearly all its members, and long before the General in question, had established plans aiming at revolutionising war tactics, by utilising nearly all the weapons now in use in the German Army and with more accuracy if possible. I do not know General de Gaulle, probably a man of value, but to claim he has been the only Chief in France who foresaw the present conduct of war, is absolutely false.

As a matter of fact, the author of these lines had the opportunity of approaching Generals Weygand and Estienne and hear their teaching, real prophecies in those days (end of 1918).

Why have their enlightening ideas not been put into practice eh? This is a very simple matter; once more it is the cursed, infernal politics, which spoiled it all.

As you know, tanks "Panzer Units" and the like are offensive weapons; as soon as plans foreseeing and requiring credits for the massive use of these weapons were presented to our Parliament and commissions, the whole Left party (the Extreme Left supported by the International Pacifist clique, quite different from pacific minds) started howling and putting "to shame" such aggressive ideas.

Plans after plans were refused and returned to their authors; under such conditions, could our great Chiefs continue to establish plans along the same lines? No, this was utterly impossible.

Before such Parliamentary hostility, (and all Army people will understand me) they could only give in or quit.

After many parleys, the "Pacifist mind" finally accepted a compromise; the Maginot Line, which cost more than 500 millions pounds sterling, but was to show to the whole world, our determination to defend ourselves, but without any intention of attacking.

Though incomplete, (it should have reached Dunkirk or be continued along the Belgian and Dutch frontiers) it proved its use by permitting round 100,000 men to hold nearly 100 miles of our border for over eight months (A respite which could have been better used by the Nations concerned).

The Maginot "ouvrages" forming a resistance line, the French General Staff had to establish new plans, which they did, not without pointing out to certain weaknesses of plans conceived along an incomplete basis.

FAIR PLAY.

Walter Pryde, who was educated at the Central British School, and obtained the Peace Memorial Scholarship in 1937, has obtained his degree at the Cambridge University gaining 1st class honours in Agricultural Science.

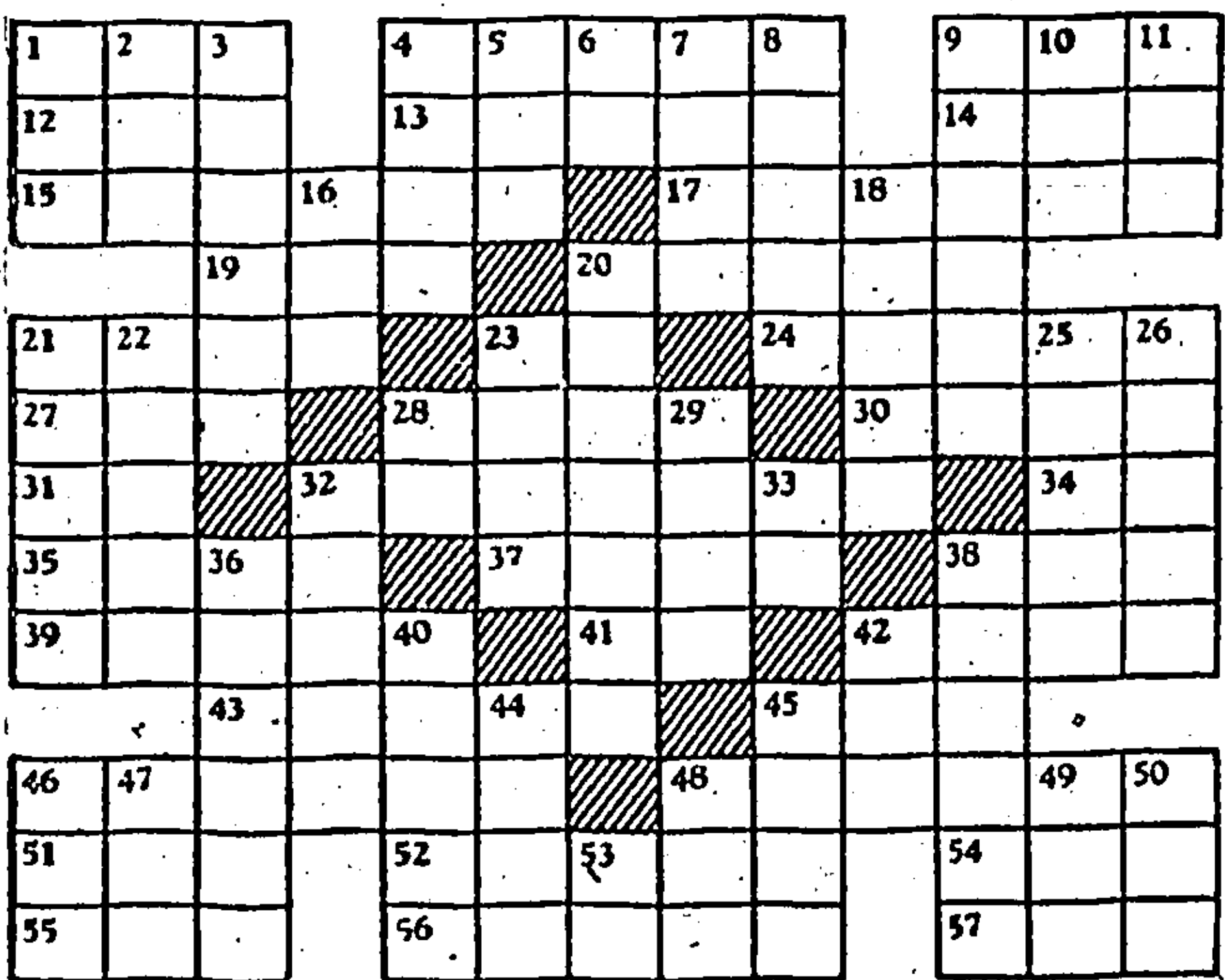
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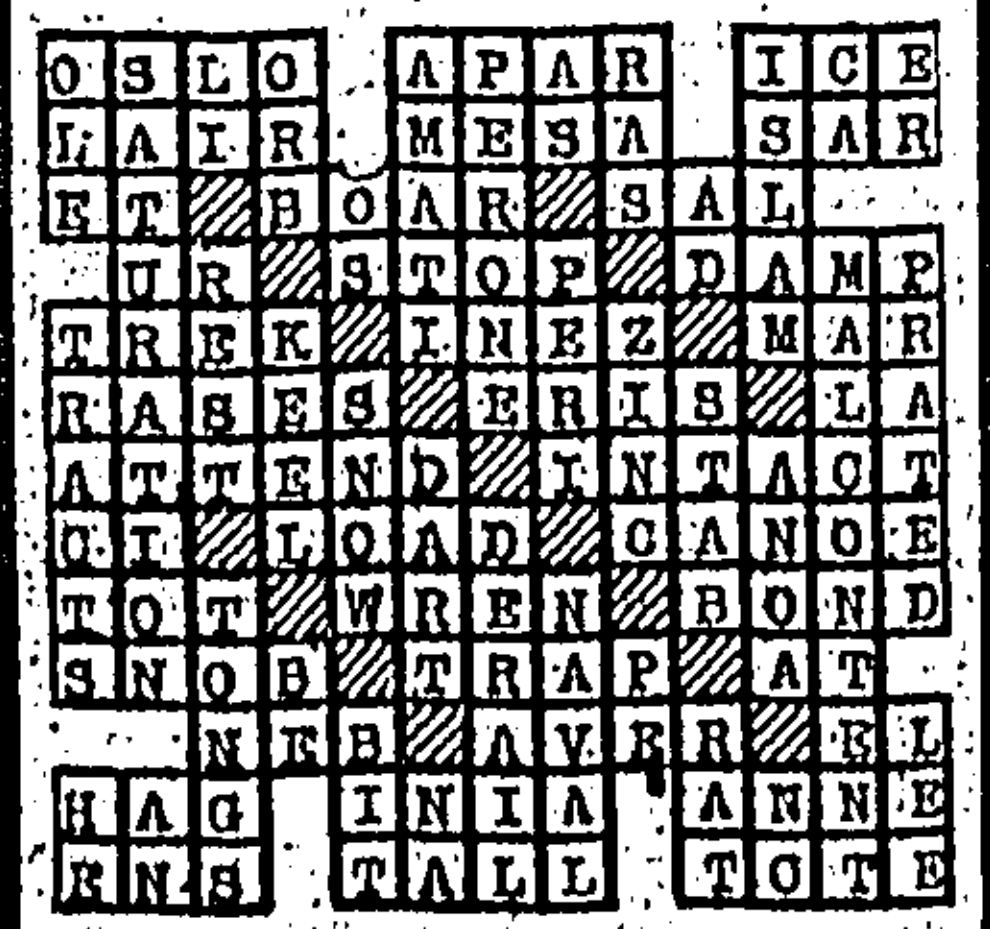
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- 1 Receptacle
 - 4 Slang
 - 9 To fatigue
 - 12 Cold
 - 13 Unconfined
 - 14 Yellow bugle
 - 15 Divided
 - 17 Pantry
 - 18 Part of circle
 - 20 Dispensed
 - 21 Feeble
 - 23 Chinese measure
 - 24 Verbs
 - 27 Siamese coin
 - 28 Briefly brilliant star
 - 30 Kind of meat
 - 31 Pronoun
 - 32 Abstracted musing
 - 34 Note of scale
 - 35 Jules Verne character
 - 37 Therefore
 - 38 To wager
 - 39 Hobo
 - 41 Preposition
 - 42 Sailors
 - 43 Roman gods
 - 45 Tune
 - 46 Slang black eye

- 40 Turns aside
- 51 Farm animal
- 52 Beleaguement
- 54 Period of time
- 55 Japanese coin
- 56 Spanish gentleman
- 57 To evaporate

- VERTICAL**
- 1 Orange seed
 - 2 South American tuber
 - 3 Oppressive ruler
 - 4 Fish sauce
 - 5 Land measure
 - 6 To depart

- 7 City in Norway
- 8 River-ducks
- 9 Violin
- 10 Hall
- 11 Pike-like fish
- 16 To attempt
- 18 Ancient ballist
- 20 Entertains
- 21 To portray
- 22 To voice
- 23 Affection
- 25 More recent
- 26 Cuts
- 28 Compass point
- 29 Jason's ship
- 32 Style of type
- 33 Butterfly
- 36 To slander
- 38 Prohibited
- 40 Dense throng
- 42 Cravat
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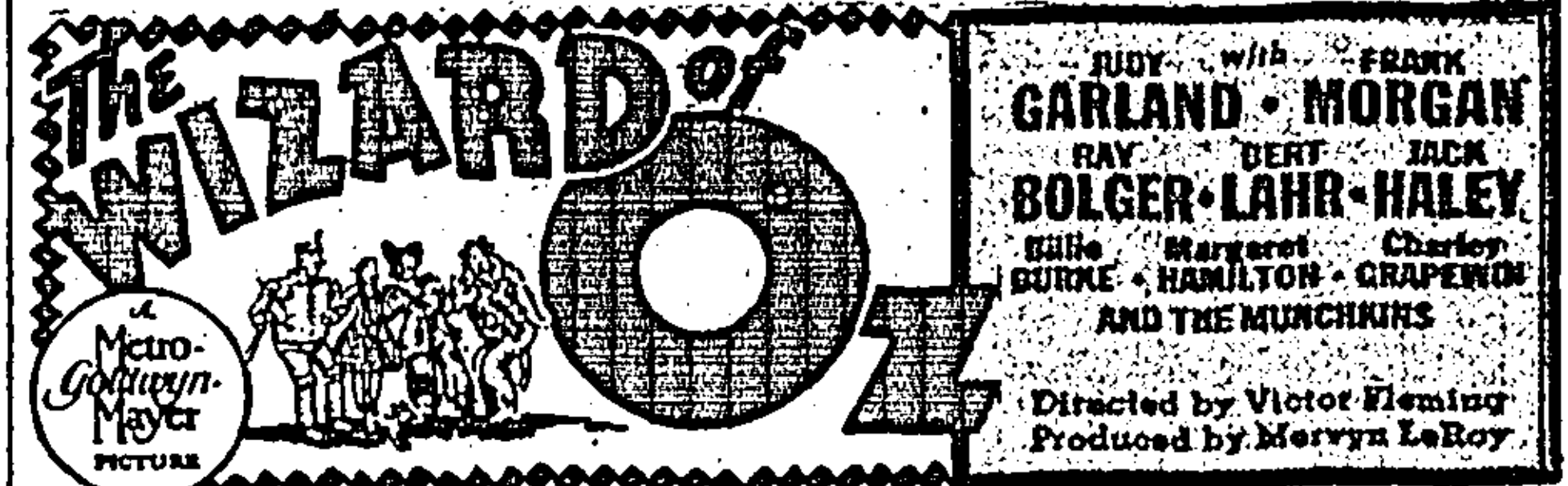
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BID FOR SOLUTION OF INDIA PROBLEM

INITIATING THE debate on India in the House of Commons last night, Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India and Burma, spoke on the background to the political controversy in India and the deadlock which had led up to the recent statement by the Viceroy.

He said that the Government of India Act represented a remarkable feat of constructive statesmanship on the part of Parliament.

So far as the provincial part of the Act was concerned, it came into operation and was still being worked successfully in four out of eleven provinces in India.

It was temporarily suspended in the others even through purely extraneous causes.

The delays had afforded the occasion for the development of a volume of adverse criticism and opposition in the face of which their enforcement could no longer serve the purpose for which they were originally intended.

This opposition came from different quarters in India and was based on opposite reasons.

The constitutional deadlock in India was not one between His Majesty's Government and concentrated Indian opinion. His Majesty's Government was only one of the parties concerned.

Congress Party

Mr. Amery then proceeded to describe these parties and declared that the Indian National Congress had built up a remarkable political organisation.

He said that Congress was by far the most efficient political machine in India, of which they were justly proud.

They had striven to make it national and all embracing. If they had succeeded and Congress could speak for all elements of Indian national life then, however advanced their demands, the problem might have been very different and in many respects far easier than it was to-day.

"Their claim to speak for India is utterly denied by very important elements in India's complex national life.

These other elements assert their right to be regarded not as mere numerical minorities but as constituent factors in any future Indian policy, entitled to be treated as such in any discussion for establishing India's future constitution.

Moslem Community

"Foremost among these stands the great Moslem community, 90,000,000 strong, and constituting the majority in both north-west and north-east India but scattered as a minority over the whole sub-continent.

"There is also a group of scheduled castes who feel that as a community they stand outside the main Hindu body which is representative of Congress.

"The Indian princes constitute another group of entities."

India's Unity

But underlying all that there was unity. In no respect had the essential unity of India's outlook been shown more clearly than in the attitude of all parties and communities since the war began.

It was in this atmosphere that the Viceroy felt the moment had come for initiative which should enlist all elements of political effort and leadership behind India's war effort and also make a beginning in breaking down the deadlock and so pave the way towards an early solution.

The immediate offer contained in the Viceroy's statement was that of an extension of his Council so as to include the leading members of all political parties as well as the establishment of a wider War Advisory Council on an All-Indian basis, associating on the conduct of war representatives of the Indian states and representative

of national life in India as a whole.

Viceroy's Offer

The Viceroy's offer presented to Indian leaders an opportunity to take an immediate, effective and important part in the Government of India and bringing their influence to bear on the conduct of the war without prejudice to the several political positions.

They would have committed themselves to nothing except to work together in the present emergency for the good of India and for the common cause in which they all believed.

"I still hope they will all be willing to take their part in spite of the discouraging attitude shown in Congress quarters.

If that should unfortunately not prove to be the case, Lord Linlithgow will, of course, still go ahead with those prepared to work with him and each other."

Dominion Status

The Viceroy's immediate offer was the paving of the way towards a speedier attainment of the goal of Dominion status. It was not—as was so often suggested—an inferior or dependent status.

Many independent nations were not free to live their lives as they wanted. They were overrun or dismembered by more powerful neighbours.

"We in the British Commonwealth enjoy security, prosperity, friendship and enhanced dignity in the eyes of the world which is a result of our free and equal association.

"There is no higher status in the world than that, and that is the status we have declared to be the goal of our policy in India."

In every case in the Dominions there had been an antecedent agreement between the main racial elements—British and French in Canada, and British and Boer in South Africa, for instance.

The proudest day in Britain's history would be the day when they see India joining as a free and willing partner in the brotherhood of the British peoples.

Equal Footing

Replying to the debate, Mr. Amery said that new members of the proposed enlarged executive council would be on equal footing with the present members and would hold definite portfolios.

The functions of the War Advisory Council would be to collaborate India's experience and special knowledge in order to advise the Government on the development and stimulation of the war effort.

He believed that both Britain and India would contribute joint efforts in order that there might emerge something of which both Britons and Indians alike could be proud for generations to come. The House then rose. — Reuter.

NATHAN RD. MISHAP

A six-year-old Chinese girl, Lo Sun, who was treated at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, for injuries to her head and legs had been knocked down by car No. 4352 in Nathan Road near the Alhambra Theatre. The car was driven by Mr. L. Martland.

VICEROY'S TALKS WITH INDIA'S LEADERS

The Viceroy of India left Bombay for Poona yesterday after a four-day visit during which he granted interviews to several prominent political leaders including Mr. Bhulabhai Desai (Congress leader), Mr. Jinnah (Muslim League), Sir Chimanlal Setalvad (Liberals) and Dr. Ambedkar (Depressed Classes).

Mr. Jinnah had a second interview yesterday in which he sought further clarification of the Viceroy's statement of last Wednesday. — Reuter.

VICHY WAR ON SECRET SOCIETIES

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

According to a decree adopted by the Vichy Council of Ministers, secret societies of every description will be dissolved throughout France.

The decree affects associations whose activities are hidden from public knowledge. Property owned by such associations will be sequestrated and sold, the proceeds being turned over to public charity institutions.

Fines and prison terms will be meted out for violation of this decree, while members of foreign secret societies will be expelled.

All public officials and state employees will be compelled to swear upon their honour that they never belonged to a secret society or have severed their connection with it.

Before passing the decree, the Council of Ministers heard a report drafted by the Minister of Justice.

"It would be inadmissible to see any attempt at national recovery hindered by organisations which are all the more dangerous since they remain hidden and enrol many members from the ranks of Government officials and whose actions too often paralyse the Government's action," he said. — Havas.

SNATCHER GIVEN GAOL TERM

Before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning, Lam Ming, 26, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and ordered to be expelled from the Colony for snatching a handbag.

Accused snatched the bag from Miss Li Hin-ying when she was walking with a friend in Nathan Road last night.

Lo Chan-hung, 18, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital, after being knocked down by car No. 699, driven by Mr. F. P. Lenfestey in Nathan Road yesterday.



TILL 1942?

Those who hope and pray for an early and happy end of the war may be disturbed by Mr. Churchill's warning that "we must prepare not only for summer but for winter, not only for 1941 but for 1942. . . ." It will be remembered that in September last directions were given by the British Government for preparations on the basis of a war that would last at least three years. That would prolong the conflict until September, 1942. Events since then have moved at such a staggering speed that the world has begun to think in terms of blitzkriegs and smashing victories achieved within a few weeks. There are both pessimists and optimists in the ranks of those who believe that the war should be over by the middle of next month or at any rate before the end of this year. Those who are dismayed by the fact that Hitler has so far kept to his programme of conquests, and even been ahead of it sometimes, should take heart from Mr. Churchill's words: "Hitler has not yet been withstood by a great nation with a will power equal to that of his own." Many of the countries that have been swiftly struck down by his violence had first been poisoned by intrigue and treachery. But Britain was never more united than she is to-day. Apart from the immeasurable resources of her empire, she is in good health and in good heart.

Hitler himself announced eight months ago that he had asked Marshal Goering to plan for a war that might last five years. In spite of all Germany's recent territorial acquisitions and additions to her supply of raw materials, she will be no match for the British Empire, with full command of the seas and with America's boundless resources to draw upon in a long war of attrition. A short war is Hitler's only hope. But it is not for him to say when the war he began must end. Although Mr. Churchill says that "all goes to show that the war will be long and hard, and that no one can tell where it will spread," there is at least one hope that its duration may be shortened. If Hitler stakes all on a furious attack on Britain and fails to achieve anything like a decisive success, and if as seems possible he loses

What are the characteristic principles of the Fascist system? This is a question not so easy to answer partly because so much of the current literature on the system is patently propagandist, partly because Fascism is on its own showing, a creed of action rather than of abstract principles. Besides, we must bear in mind that Fascism is a complex thing. It is, in fact, a political system, an economic regime and a philosophy of life all in one. It has to be examined under all these aspects, therefore, if we are to have an adequate grasp of its essential outlines.

To the Marxist, Fascism is nothing more or less than State-supported capitalism of the worst type. Fascists themselves, however, flatly deny that they favour capital in any way as against labour. But when pressed to tell us what exactly Fascism does connote, they usually refuse to commit themselves to any formal definition.

For them Fascism is, first and foremost a movement, an emotional reaction, an attitude to life, rather than a synthesis of reasoned principles—their credo is in a leader and a party rather than in a programme, and they find it easier to say what they stand against than what they stand for. The conception of the nation as the supremely real and valuable thing in the world is the pith and kernel of the whole Fascist philosophy. What counts is the society that results from ties of blood, race, common abode, common history and common culture—namely the nation. That nation is something above and beyond the individual men and women constituting it.

Fascism endows the nation with a life beyond the span of any particular generation. To it the nation is an unbroken unity of successive generations, a mystical being charged with a mission all its own; as an organism, like all organisms, greater than the parts that go to make it up.

It is easy now to understand the Fascist preoccupation with the ideas of racial purity, racial hygiene, racial culture, racial autonomy, long-dead national heroes, etc. Fascism is simply nationalism run riot. It stands for the apotheosis of each distinctive trait, tradition and aspiration.

Hence, it cannot but be anxious to eliminate all traces of foreign influence from the national body corporate. In its eyes the internationalism preached by Communism is Communism's most detestable and unnatural heresy.

Fascism and Communism are both totalitarian. Ideologically, the only difference between the Fascist totalitarian State and the Communist totalitarian State is that, for the former, national well-being is the supreme value, whereas for the latter economic well-being is all-important. The national well-being does, of course, include economic well-being as one of its essential constituents. But it is not exclusively economic nor, for that matter, exclusively materialistic.

It includes cultural well-being, for instance. Above all, it includes the possession of great military power, prestige, economic self-sufficiency and whatever else makes a people feared and respected in the comity of nations.

Fascism rejects Rousseau's theory of popular sovereignty in favour of authoritarian government, or the dictatorship of the elite, as it is called. It does so on the triple assumption that the right to govern depends rather on the superior excellence of some party or leader than on the con-

his numerical superiority in the air in the process, then the German people will begin to realise that there are no more victories that German arms can achieve; that the war must develop into a long and severely trying economic struggle; and that British air attacks on Germany will increase in number and intensity without fear of serious retaliation. Then will come the day of reckoning for Hitler and his gang.

A Critical Analysis of Fascism

sent of the governed; that majority rule spells in practice rule by the strongest class in its own special interests to the neglect of the general interests of the nation as a whole; and, finally, that parliamentary government is weak, unwieldy and unstable, in comparison with dictatorial government. This substitution of what has come to be termed capacity rule for majority rule is the distinguishing mark of the Fascist State.

By capacity rule is meant rule by the elite; the elite being the supermen, the more pervasively race-conscious members of the community. In practice, the Fascist Party and the elite of each nation will be identical. That party is the living, active embodiment of the genius of their nation—all other parties can but represent sectional and selfish interests and are, accordingly, to be suppressed.

Leadership in the party itself will fall, naturally, to the most forceful and nationally-minded member of the elite. The emer-

By Rev. Cornelius Lucey

(Condensed from the "Irish Ecclesiastical Record.")

gence of this leader, the elite of the elite, is mystically conceived and explained—he simply emerges and is recognised instinctively. Then as Duce, Fuehrer, Leader, he becomes the sole source and repository of power in the State.

In fact, he is the Government, omni-competent, infallible and impeccable, deriving his authority to rule solely from his unique identification with the racial and national soul of his people and responsible to nobody for the exercise of that authority.

Fascism, as we have said earlier, is profoundly anti-intellectualist. It conceives of men as being born

to act in response to instincts, emotional urges and intuitive convictions. Indeed, its leaders, particularly Hitler, have often proclaimed that their views and decisions are not reasoned out, but rather felt or seen intuitively to be right. Hence, we are not surprised that the answer to the question, "How are we to recognise those best fitted to rule?" is simply: "Their fitness is always self-evident."

In practice, this means that the Leader and ruling caste prove themselves by their ability to reach and retain power. They rule because they are the better element in the nation; they prove they are the better element by the fact that they have been successful in obtaining power.

Another fundamental postulate of the Fascist ideology is that there can be no real political independence without economic independence. A nation which relies to any great extent on imported supplies of either raw materials or manufactured goods must dance to the tune of those she buys from. If she doesn't, she can be quickly forced to do so by economic boycott. And, should she resort to war, she cannot win, for either her armies will lose in the field through lack of supplies or her civilian population will be starved into collapse.

Accordingly, the immediate aim of Fascist economic planning in each country is to achieve economic self-sufficiency—what the Germans call Autarkie, and for which the term autarky is rapidly becoming current in English.

Such a policy obviously cannot but foster many uneconomic industries and result in a lowering of the general standard of living.

It is the very essence of the Fascist ideology to regard private ownership as sacred only in so far as it serves the national interests. Accordingly, the doctrines of free competition, absolute ownership and the like are anathema to the doctrinaire Fascist. He takes his stand instead on the principle of State supervision. The State—so runs this principle—is entitled to "discipline" property owners and

business whenever it sees fit to do so. This means, in practice, that it will intervene as often as private initiative is unequal to the task in hand or—and this is the distinctively Fascist clause—political interests are at stake.

Such intervention by the State takes the form of control by public officials. The Fascist, therefore, recognises a man's right to own and control property only as long as he uses that right in the interests of the people. In his eyes—though he is insistent that it is not the function of the State to conduct industry, but rather to "discipline" it—property owners are just the feudatories of the nation. Their rights derive from their function in the national economy and are conditional on the due performance of that function.

The class-struggle is the major disruptive force in modern society. Fascism recognises it for what it is and proposes to end it. It is not part of its policy either to reduce all capitalists to the proletarian state or, conversely, to make all workers property owners. In fact, three classes, instead of two, are envisaged in the Fascist economic society—namely, the traditional bourgeoisie or propertied class, the wage-earning class or proletariat, and a new class comprising the technicians and scientists of industry.

But, despite this triple alignment, there is no room for class-war in the system, at least ideologically. Two things preclude it. The one is the common loyalty and devotion of all these classes to the same national State. The other is the emphasis laid on the solidarity of capital and labour in the production process, antagonistic though their interests are when it comes to the division of the social product. Classes which have so much in common—such is the argument—cannot but collaborate.

One other feature of the Fascist ideology remains to be stressed. Fascism is definitely anti-feminist. The ideal of equal rights for women and men has no place in its conception of the good social order. It is not so much, however, that Fascism rates women as being inferior in status and function to men as that it considers them to be different. Their primary social function is to be good housekeepers, good wives and good mothers.



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SOVIET ENTENTE WITH TURKEY IS POSSIBLE

REPORTS FROM ROME that Germany and Italy have asked Turkey to clarify her position in the Balkan set-up indicates uncertainty concerning a possible Soviet-Turkish entente should war break out in south-eastern Europe over territorial revisions.

A strong Rumanian opposition is developing against voluntary surrender of territory to Bulgaria and Hungary, with Russia and Turkey occupying the "vulture" positions.

Premier Benito Mussolini thus cannot regard the uneasy conditions at his back door as being satisfactorily settled.

Turkey and Great Britain have a military alliance, but in addition to this, Turkey is now determined to maintain close relations with Soviet Russia. It is impossible for Germany and Italy to consider any Balkan settlement permanent which overlooks Russo-Turkish interests, therefore.

Hitherto, nothing has been said in news dispatches from Berlin and Rome concerning Turkey's attitude towards the new changes in the Balkans which Adolf Hitler has been directing. But it is apparent that the changes are creating complications which are now beginning to be realised by the Axis powers. Especially does Turkey dislike any increase in Balkan strength since the way to an invasion of Turkey leads through Bulgaria.

The Dardanelles

It is understood that Soviet Russia desires to obtain some control of the Dardanelles at Turkey's expense but Josef Stalin recently has halted comment by Russian newspapers on the Dardanelles situation. But Russia's more immediate and important issue is to find some way of trying to check Germany and Italy from gaining preponderant power in south-eastern Europe.

Turkey offers Stalin an opportunity to create fresh confusion in the Balkan situation, and reports of the new Russian policy of friendliness toward Turkey seem due to the Turko-German trade pact. Thus Germany and Italy are asking Turkey to explain her position if the Balkans were to be reorganised under Axis influence.

Fear Of The Axis

Turkey also fears growing German power in the Balkans because it is Germany's known ambition to move through Asia Minor to Baghdad—the "Drang Nach Osten" inheritance from the house of Hohenzollern. Turkey also looks with disquietude at Italian domination of the eastern Mediterranean, exit of the Dardanelles.

The totalitarian states thus must offset Turkish suspicion when the inquiry is made at Ankara regarding the Balkans.

SALVAGE OF "QUEZON"

Officials of the Japanese N.K.Y. steamship line disclosed in San Francisco that an attempt to salvage the ill-fated Philippine liner President Quezon is contemplated. They said the salvage operations would be under the direction of Okada-Gumi, salvage operators of Osaka. The latter, they added, propose to use the wreckage of the Quezon for the construction of two 10,000-ton liners.

The Quezon, formerly the President Madison, went down in Japanese waters after she struck a reef while on her maiden voyage under the Filipino flag. She was bound for Manila when she met her fate.—Associated Press.

ENEMY MEDALS BAN TO BRITONS

Britons may not wear Italian or German medals. The King has commanded the withdrawal of permission granted for the wearing by British subjects of German and Italian decorations and medals, the "London Gazette" announced.

OFFICER'S WIFE HELD AS FASCIST

The wife of a Commander, who in the last war held a key position abroad, is among six Fascists detained by Bognor police.

She was Mrs. Alma Violet Hudson, of Arnen, Limmer Lane, Felpham, wife of Commander C. E. Hudson, O.B.E., who was formerly chairman of Felpham branch of the British Legion.

He was elected to Bognor Council in 1923, and later became vice-chairman. Last year he was adopted as British Union candidate for Chichester.

The others detained at Bognor were Walter Bateman, Ironmonger, West Street, Bognor Regis; Arthur Howe, independent, The Homestead, Cypress Avenue, Aldwick, near Bognor; Christopher Swift, builder, Longpier, Shripney Lane, Shripney, near Bognor; Cecil Gordon Winhurst, traveller, Penloo, Glenway, Glenwood Estate, Bognor; Mrs. Mary Dene Heard, Bramble Cottage, King's Mead, Felpham.

Journalist Arrested

A nineteen-year-old journalist, Basil W. Gill, of Upland Road, Roundhay, Leeds, was arrested at the office of the local newspaper at Morley, Yorkshire.

Members of the plain clothes branch of Southport police raided a number of houses and business premises in the town and arrested five men.

Scotland Yard has detained twelve more people under Section 18B of the Defence Regulations. Following the seizure of documents, Special Branch men are visiting houses in various parts of London.

CRASHED NAZI AIRMAN DIES

DESPITE EFFORTS BY DOCTORS TO SAVE HIS LIFE, A 6-FT. NAZI OFFICER TAKEN PRISONER WHEN A HEINKEL CRASHED ON AN EAST SUFFOLK GARDEN, HAS DIED IN HOSPITAL.

The body has been removed to an R.A.F. aerodrome in East Anglia. The officer, despite his injuries, struggled with police while being removed to an ambulance after the crash. His two companions in the machine were killed.

He had a fractured thigh and serious internal injuries.

CAKELESS DAYS AHEAD?

Asked if he would prohibit the sale on three days a week of all cakes and prohibit entirely the sale of iced confectionery, Mr. Boothby, Parliamentary Secretary to the Food Ministry, stated in a written reply:

"These suggestions are under consideration in connection with other measures which may be necessary for the conservation of sugar supplies."

NAZIS WANT A EUROPE WITHOUT JEWS

A European continent without Jews will be one of the prerequisites of the German "peace," the newspaper "Da Schwarzerkorp" of Berlin declared.

It added that all continental Jews would be banished to some remote corner of the globe.—Associated Press.

JAPAN "WORLD'S STRONGEST"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"Japan will have to pass through a decade of hardship, but during the period of trial she will build her greatness and will emerge the most powerful nation in the world," Mr. Naoki Hoshino, minister without portfolio in the Konoye cabinet declared to the Tokyo press.

Mr. Hoshino, who is concurrently President of the New Planning Board, explained that his statement proceeded of the very spirit which inspired the Government declaration released recently. "The Government," he said, "is in fact urging the people to endure the present trial in order to bring about a successful disposal of the China incident and lay the foundations of lasting peace and security in the Far East."

"We earnestly hope that the entire nation will co-operate with the Government in their new and set policy. After ten years of hardship, Japan will emerge the strongest nation in the world. We are absolutely sure of that. Until that time comes, the people must take their part of hardships, just as the Government will not shrink their responsibilities and the difficulties facing them."—Havas.

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REAL WAR HAS HARDLY BEGUN, SAYS MR. EDEN

"FOR US, THE REAL WAR will begin when we take the offensive and strike home at the enemy. That is the way wars are won and that is what we mean to do," said Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for War, in a broadcast last night.

"German propaganda had said that the summer of 1940 would see the end of the war. 'We think otherwise.

"For us, the real war in which the British Empire will put forward the whole of its strength has hardly begun."

Mr. Eden said that it had been proved before and would be proved again that sea-power is a stronger weapon than land-power. The Germans knew this well, but they hoped in this war to overcome the difficulty by mastery of the air; but a vastly superior sea-power with a rapidly growing air-power was a much more likely means.

That was our position and that was one of the reasons why Channel victories were more in our favour than Germany's.

The superior sea-power we possessed and the superior air-power which we were determined to reach, combined with an ever-increasing army, would secure our victory.

Fifth Column

And when the time came for us to strike, where would Hitler's Fifth Columns be found? Where would he find friends?

"Ghosts arising from the dead with arms in their hands, nations he ravished for a season, will turn upon him. Then we shall not be alone. 'Then the foreign legions now forming in our midst — small in numbers but great in heart — will be swollen into a multitude of freedom and going out sword in hand to recover it.

"For a short season we fight alone until the foreign legions are marshalled in their ten thousands."

Referring to the future, Mr. Eden said:—

No Third War

"We are determined the world shall not be the same after this war as it was before. There must be no third war in our time or in our children's time.

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off of implacable enemies, but a full measure of peace between free nations based upon principles in which we have confidence because they are right.

"We are standing alone against the greatest tyranny in history to win the kind of peace we believe in for ourselves and others and we mean to have it."

Describing Britain's defence preparations, Mr. Eden said that in May half a million men were called up for actual training and besides the Home Forces there were Dominion and Allied troops "all eager for our first great counter-attack — because that is what the successful defence of our island must prove to be."

Mr. Eden added that our reserves of men and material were mounting daily. He mentioned that the Home Guard is now over 1,500,000 strong and concluded by expressing his confidence in our ability not merely to hold out but to strike out. — Reuter.

BRITAIN THANKS MANILA

The High Commissioner of the Philippines has received by air mail a copy of a letter dated July 15, addressed by the British ambassador, the Marquess of Lothian, to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, expressing the gratitude of the British government for the hospitality extended to the Hong Kong evacuees.

The letter said: "I have the honour, under instructions from His Majesty's principal Secretary of State for foreign affairs, to convey to you an expression of the most sincere appreciation of His Majesty's government in the United Kingdom for the facilities so generously afforded for the evacuation of British women and children from Hong Kong to the Philippine Islands. His Majesty's government is deeply grateful for all the assistance which has been given in this connection not only by the Philippine government but by the United States Army and also the Philippine Red Cross and their gratitude is shared by all those British subjects for whom so much was done.

"I should be grateful if this expression of His Majesty's government's gratitude could be conveyed to all those concerned in the Philippine Islands."

The High Commissioner's Office also announced that the American Consul General at Hong Kong had been requested by the British general there in command to express to the High Commissioner, and through him to the Philippine government, to the United States military authorities, and to the Red Cross, the British general's gratitude for the fine hospitality and assistance given the British women and children evacuated from Hong Kong during the past few weeks.

The British general states that he and those who worked with him there have been greatly impressed and moved by the cour-

DAY OF NATIONAL PRAYER ON SEPTEMBER 8

It was announced in London yesterday that it is the desire of the King that Sunday, September 8, the first Sunday after the anniversary of the outbreak of war, should be observed as a day of national prayer. — Reuter.

DEBATE ON INDIA IN LORDS

During a debate on India in the House of Lords yesterday, the Duke of Devonshire said that all indications showed that there would be widespread response to the recent statement by the Viceroy of India.

"The statement," he said, "affords the opportunity so long awaited, and will make possible immediate full co-operation on a provisional basis without prejudice to the views of any co-operator about the future."

The Duke of Devonshire said that he did not think it was possible to go on with the framing of the constitution under war conditions but they could go a long way towards preliminary building.

The collapse of France had brought home to every Indian that realisation of his hopes of freedom depended on the defeat of the common enemy. All indications showed that there would be a widespread response to the Governor-General's proposals for full co-operation on a provisional basis.

Indian Agreement

"It represents, of course, merely a provisional settlement and it cannot in the nature of things be more than that for two reasons. Firstly I don't think it really possible to scrap and rebuild the constitution of a great country in the middle of war and secondly no further steps can be taken towards self-government in India except as the result and on the basis of Indian agreement." — Reuter.

BALTIC FUNDS DEMANDED

Answering a question in Parliament yesterday the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs said the government were considering representations from the Soviet Government in which they raise objection to the prohibition imposed by Order-in-Council on the transfer of gold balances lying in the Bank of England to the account of the three Baltic States.

The Soviet point of view was being carefully considered in the light of important legal, political and financial considerations.

When asked whether the fate of the gold balances would be considered as part of a general commercial agreement with the U.S.S.R. Mr. Butler said that these Baltic questions provide a problem of their own.

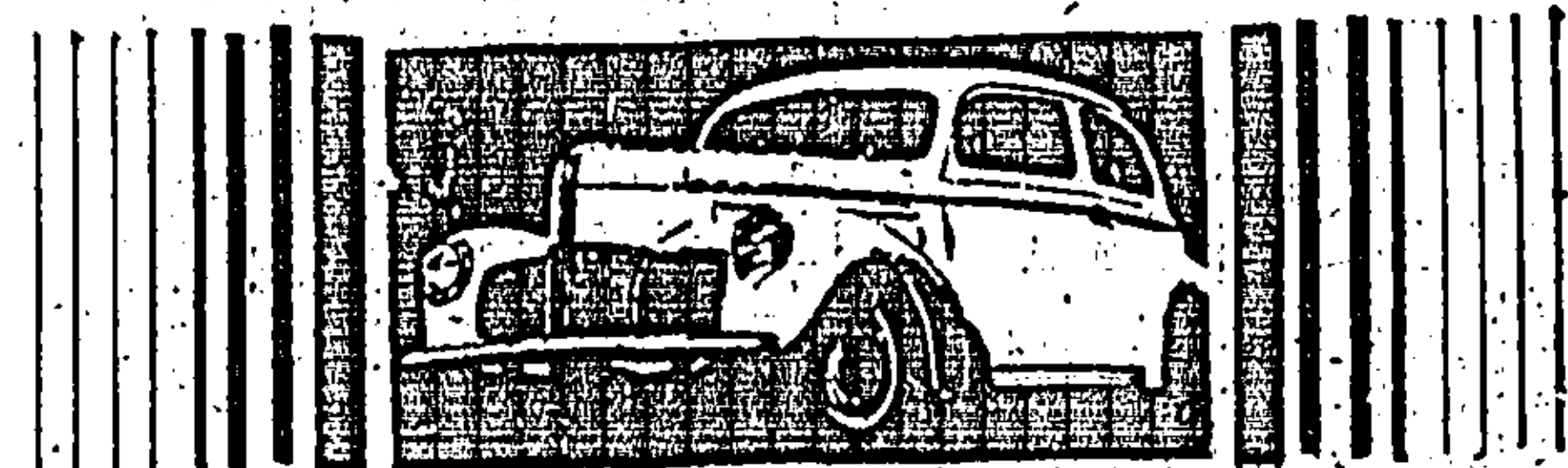
His Majesty's Government had their point of view and interests and he saw no reason why a settlement should not be reached. — British Wireless.

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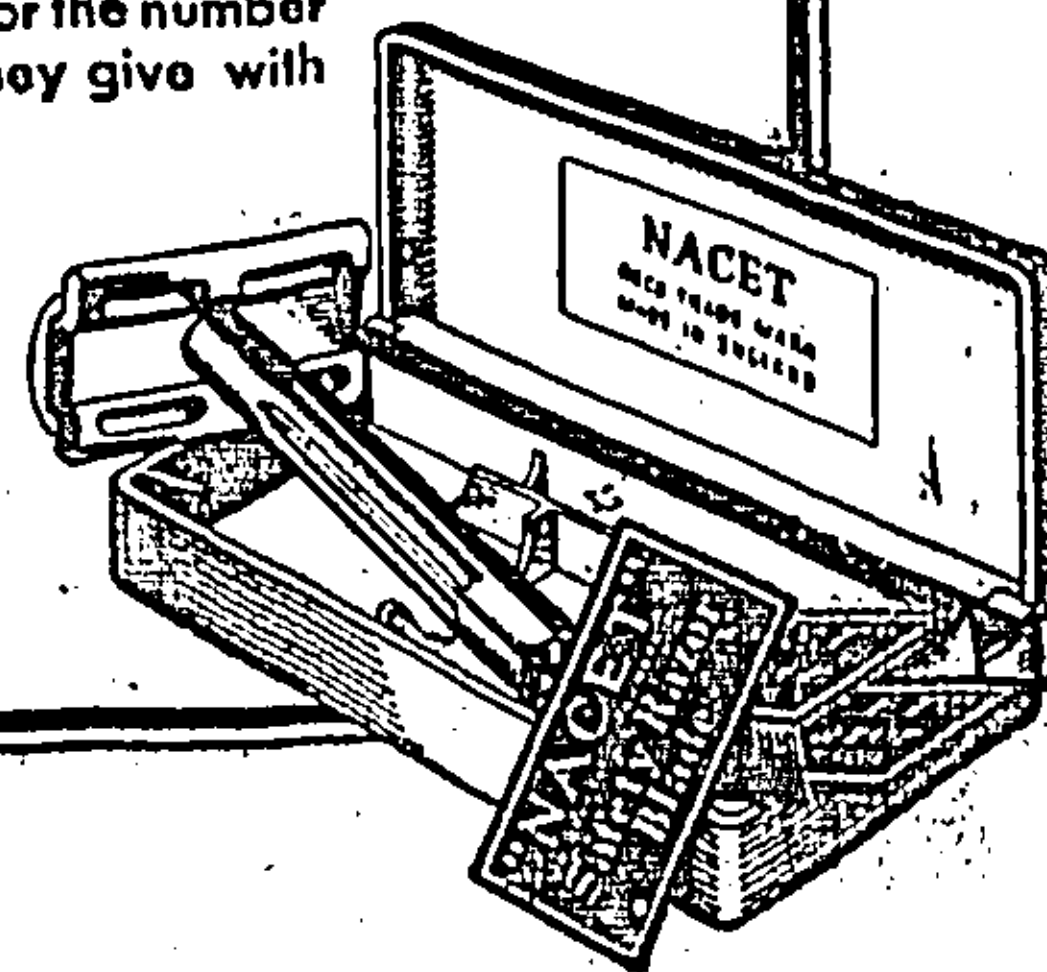
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WAR POLICY—GOOD FOR BOTH SIDES

THE WAR BEGUN BY Germany has reduced the amount of food in Europe but detailed calculations show that there is enough food to prevent serious privation provided the German Government organises supplies and equally free transport for distribution and refrains from exploiting the occupied territories to increase German rations, says "The Times."

The crux is not what supplies exist but what Germany will do with them. For years, Germany imposed a fearsome blockade on its own people; guns instead of butter became not a slogan but a fact.

Even now, while decrying the British blockade, Germany is turning food into munitions.

One million tons of potatoes was used for fuel alcohol. Glycerine and nitro-glycerine was derived from fats.

For years, plastic products and certain materials used for aircraft production had been derived from casein, which is derived from skimmed milk.

The Germans still either never see milk or call it a "Blue Wonder," because of the anaemic appearance.

Germany has exported food for foreign currency and greatest of all is the food that feeds the Army.

Two Scales

All available supplies in Poland, Denmark, the Netherlands and France had been sent to Germany and in what remains there are two scales of rationing—one for Germans and one for Poles, etc.

CAT BURGLAR

A cat burglar entered the residence of Mr. J. Anderson, No. 1, New Road, at about 2.45 a.m. to-day, and stole \$12. Entrance was gained by removing a window pane.

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Specifications may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary's Office at the above address.

Tenders should be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary's Office not later than 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th August 1940.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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WINNING CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 5
Once again we call on the Bridge hound to become a blood-hound. A Bridge murder is committed in the hand below, and it's up to you to detect the crime and name the murderer.

West, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♠ 9 8 4 3
♥ 7 6
♦ K 10 9 8 4
♣ A 7

♠ — ♠ 10 6 2
♥ A Q J 8 ♥ 10 4
♦ 5 2 ♦ Q J 6
♣ 6 2 ♣ 9 8 5 4
♣ K Q J ♣ 2

♠ A K Q J 7 5
♥ K 9 3
♦ A 7 3
♣ 3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
2♣	2♦	3♣	4♠
5♣	Dbl.	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West opened the King of clubs, dummy winning with the Ace. Three rounds of trumps and three rounds of diamonds followed. East gaining the lead with the diamond Queen. East returned a heart, and West collected two heart tricks to defeat the contract.

Now it's time for Scotland Yard to take over. Was the crime in bidding or play? And who was the criminal? Decide for yourself before reading on.

The crime was in the play, and South was the murderer. He should have refused the first trick! Then he could have discarded a diamond on the club Ace, thus making it possible to set up the diamonds without giving the lead to East. (He would ruff the third diamond.) Dummy's extra diamonds would then furnish two heart discards, and South would lose one heart and one club instead of two hearts and one diamond.

* * *

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, held:

♠ 6 3
♥ Q 9 8
♦ A Q 10 7 4
♣ K 6 2

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Raise to three hearts. You are strong enough to invite a game, but cannot quite bid it by yourself.

Score 100% for three hearts, 60% for two no-trump, 20% for three no-trump or four hearts, 0 for pass.

QUESTION NO. 489

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner, and with neither side vulnerable, hold:

♠ A J 10 7 4
♥ K J 10 6 3
♦ 8 5
♣ A

The bidding:

You	Schenken	Burnstone	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

SURVIVED DUNKIRK, DIED OF HEART DISEASE

A twenty-one-year-old B.E.F. soldier, who survived the perils of Dunkirk, died from heart disease while bathing in a park lake.

This was told at a Halifax inquest on Private Arthur Stephens, of High Street, Brierley Hill, Staffs. An officer said that Stephens had made forced marches up to fifteen miles a day in France. The verdict was that he died from heart disease accelerated by shock while bathing.

SHE GETS LETTER A DAY FROM HER 5 SOLDIER SONS

When the postman makes his way down Woodburn Drive, Dalkeith, Midlothian, Mrs. Gibson is usually waiting for him at the door. And she nearly always gets a letter.

For Mrs. Gibson has five sons on active service. Three, David, Robert and John, are in the B. E. F. George is in China and James in the R.A.F. in the West Country.

Mr. Gibson is doing his bit, too, in the local defence volunteers.

BARE-LEG GIRLS ECONOMY PLAN

Authorities of Wimbledon County School for Girls, with an eye to economy, instructed their pupils to attend school in future without stockings.

STARS' £15,000 FOR WAR AID

Famous film stars, including Charles Laughton, Paul Muni, Shirley Temple and James Cagney, took part in a "greatest ever" stage-radio show on the mammoth Hollywood platform in aid of the Red Cross European Relief Fund.

A sum of £15,000 was raised. Charles Laughton read Abraham Lincoln's famous Gettysburg speech and Paul Muni and Shirley dramatised the hardships of evacuated children separated from their parents.

TOWN TO AID AIR VICTIMS

The Mayor of Cambridge and several councillors have opened a relief fund for the victims of the recent air-raid in Cambridge-shire.

"The tragedy which has fallen upon several families in Cambridgeshire is of such a nature that Government compensation for material loss will be insufficient to cover personal hardship" states the appeal.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Strict Daily Routine

POSSIBLY you have wondered about the actresses whose voices you hear over the radio. What do they look like? How do they get into radio work? How do they train? Must they study voice? Are they young or old?

Well, to-day I am going to tell you about one young actress who plays the part of the happy child in the skit called "When the Girl Marries" — her name is Joan Tetzel. She has light brown hair, blue eyes, weighs 113 pounds and is five feet, six inches tall. She is nineteen years old.

Joan not only has definite acting ability but she has a sparkling personality which fascinates those who listen to her on the radio, and those who work with her in the studio. She has abundant vitality and unchanging good health—on which she prides herself as she should.

"Good health counts in acting," Joan explains, "for actresses who are weak or anaemic always complain of poor memories, spells of dizziness, or headaches. I used to have headaches but I exercised and rested my eyes, as well as my body, and they disappeared. I believe very strongly in exercise—I get a lot of it."

Her Programme

Joan disciplines herself. She takes a cool shower in the morning and walks a brisk mile, rain or shine. She refuses to stay out late nights, no matter how tempting the invitation. "It is not that I am a goody-goody," she explained laughingly, "but I must choose between good times and a career. Just now I'm choosing the career!"



Joan Tetzel, popular young radio star of Columbia Studio. She disciplines herself to be successful.

Her favourite form of exercise is walking, but she rides horseback whenever she can, to keep out-of-doors. Even though she is beautifully slim, she never fails to go through a "hip-rolling" ex-

ercise routine every evening before retiring, and drinks a glass of hot water to which has been added the juice of a fresh lemon. She eats sensible meals at as regular hours as her broadcasting schedule will permit.

Joan never refuses a minor role; she has learned that lesser parts frequently are more difficult than stellar roles. She is an avid reader, and sketches in charcoal as a hobby. "One day," she claims, "I want to be a writer. When I am older and know more."

When the radio is not demanding Joan's sparkling presence, she practices voice control. This includes a stringent course in voice culture and speech to preserve the golden tones which have already won her many interesting radio roles. She rests previous to an important broadcast, does not smoke before it, and you can hear her humming softly in the studio until the programme is ready to go on the air. Humming softly, she feels, keeps her vocal chords in condition and free of nervousness.

Joan should be a model for many young girls. She knows what she wants, she isn't afraid to work for it, she knows that no success is possible unless one keeps healthy. Naturally she has a normal amount of vanity and is considered a young beauty because she is always perfectly groomed and fresh looking!

Living function. We have been raised, most likely, in the now outmoded school of "meat and potatoes, bread and pie," for a daily ration. It is hard to switch our tastes to the fruits and vegetables, whole grains, natural sugars, nuts, and other foods which our bodies truly require to build resistance to the prevalent diseases which trouble mankind.

But mothers who are interested in the health of their families (and particularly their young children) will do well to keep informed on new food facts. Our government and periodicals publish this information, and several excellent books on corrective diets have been presented. Mind now, "diet" means proper menus—not starvation menus to slim.

Health And Beauty

DOES what we eat help to make us what we are? Scientists throughout the country are asking themselves that question, and their investigations seem to indicate that food influences the body much more than science has hitherto supposed.

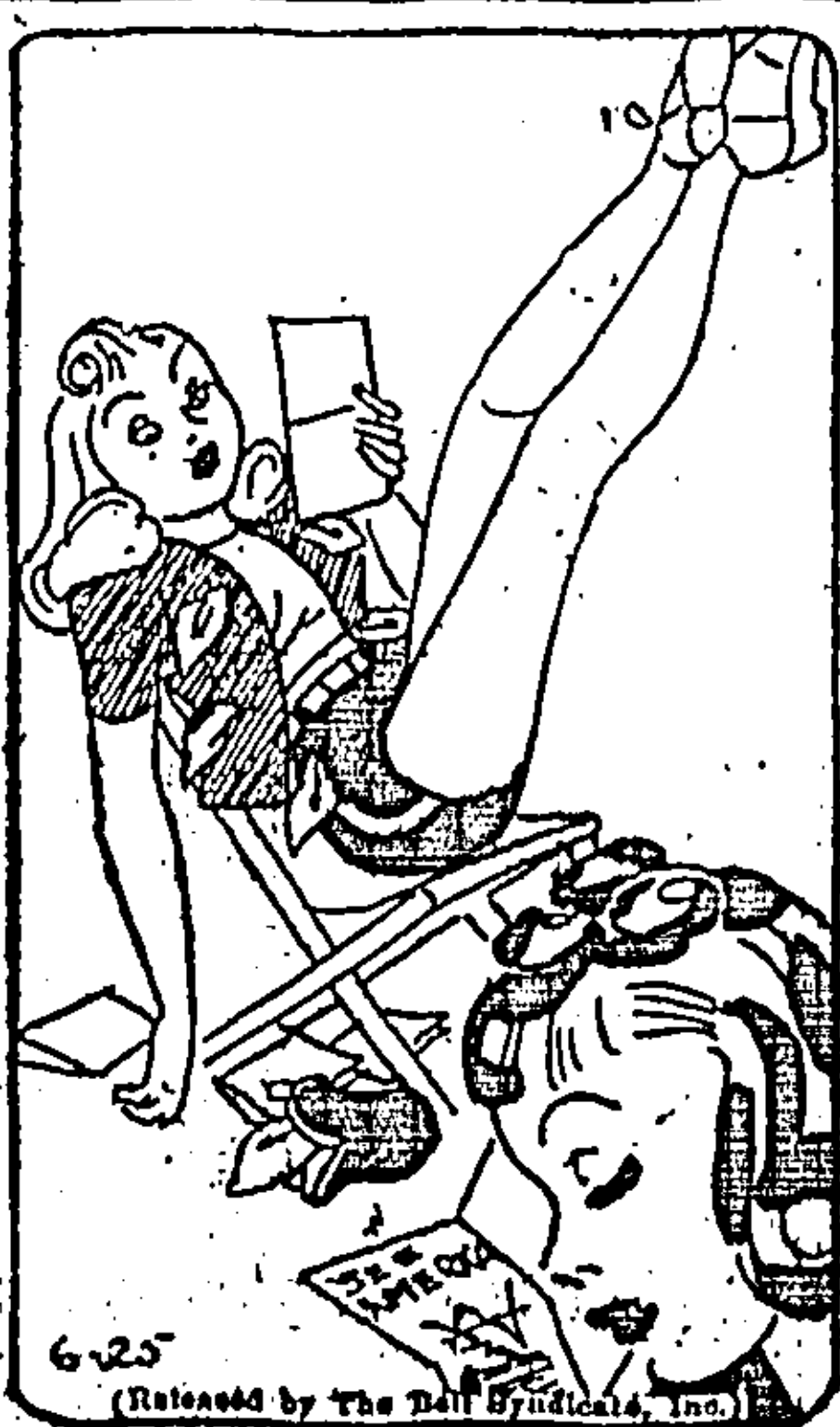
Dr. Henry C. Sherman, professor of chemistry at Columbia University is reported as stating: "In addition to all that one owes to heredity and good luck, one has also the power to build a superior internal environment that will result in higher health and efficiency. This," he stressed, "might improve both the quality and the duration of life."

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Our Children

Our young children are in a fortunate era when we consider health problems. Food facts which are being discovered daily, indicate that ailments may be corrected by specific diets, stronger bodies are built through scientific eating, hair and skin may keep their pigment years longer, our bones and teeth will resist disease and decay more readily—in fact, a super-man of vitality, physical beauty and mental alertness is quite possible.

Unfortunately for mothers, all these vital food facts are not easily available. The scientist's course is a slow one if it is to be a sure one. But books and reports on food tests are released monthly, which show that our future and current health problems are being expertly considered. In time, simple digests of food knowledge will supplant the old "doctor's



"Her vacation plans," says Forehanded Flora are subject to change—depending upon the amount of change she can set aside before the appointed date rolls around.

book of home remedies." We shall be educated to prevent disease, rather than be told how to cure it.

Use Available Material

It isn't easy to change our eating habits overnight. We enjoy eating certain foods, so we eat them. We do not stop to consider whether we are neglecting the nourishment requirements of our active body and mind. Most of us eat to keep from feeling hungry and because it is a natural, satis-

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Parcel Post Service to China via Haiphong is temporarily suspended. Printed papers and books not for sale can be only accepted.

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TO-DAY'S WIRELESS

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Variety with Gracie Fields, Michael Moore, The Mills Brothers, and Les Allen.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.
1.13 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections, with Roy Smeek and Ferera and Pauluhl.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music, with Jack Payne, Ambrose, and Gerald.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Variety, with Jack Buchanan and Elsie Randolph, Warner and Darnell, Phyllis Robins, Arthur Askey, Nervo and Knox, Flanagan and Allen, Naughton and Gold, Max Miller, Alice Delysia, William McCulloch, and The Merry Macs.
Closing Local Stock Quotations.
Excerpts from Noel Coward's Shows: Gertrude Lawrence & Noel Coward.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Mozart Programme.
8.15 p.m.—Studio Concert by Walter H. D. Yeh (Flute) and Mr. Y. K. Sze (Bass) with John Smith at the Piano.
8.45 p.m.—Local Newsletter.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & Topical Talks.
9.45 p.m.—"Singers on Parade", with Sam Costa, Helen Clare, Paula Green, George Barclay, Pat Hyde, Al Bowly, Marjorie Stedford, Jack Plant, Dinah Miller, Dan Donovan, Alice Mann and Jack Cooper accompanied by Felix Mendelssohn & His Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—Dance Music, by Harry Roy, Victor Silvester, Bernhard Elto, Jack Hyllton, Nat Gonella, The Organ, The Dance Band and Me, Muggsy Spanier, and Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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FRANCE TO WORK TO ORDERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

M. Rene Belin, Vichy Minister of Production and Labour, has secured the Petain Government's approval of a new decree regulating the duration of the working week.

Aiming at "a better distribution of employment among workers until the restoration of normal economic conditions," the decree authorises all prefects to fix in their respective territories the duration of the working day in each profession or in the specified category of employment.

The duration of working time might be shorter than that provided by general legislation on labour. The maximum number of overtime hours cannot exceed 70 hours a year, while the employed will be compelled to pay a 20 per cent tax on all salaries for overtime.

New labour legislation aims to facilitate the adaption of each region and each profession to its economic condition.

The coal industry, for instance, will be allowed to work longer hours because of the shortage of coal throughout France, while other industries, whose products are plentiful, will not be authorised to surpass a given limit for the duration of the working day. —Havas.

AT SCANDAL POINT

Capt. J. F. Lawrence, of Whitefield Barracks, has reported the loss of a silver cigarette case, valued at \$80, and \$16 in money, at Scandal Point Chapel Hall, yesterday.

THEFT FROM CAR

Father Lina, of the Maryknoll House, Stanley, has reported the theft of clothing and other articles, valued at \$20, from private car No. 467, parked in Statue Square, yesterday.

BANKER SHOT BY BODYGUARD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chang Hsiao-ling, prominent Shanghai banker and Chinese Counsellor of the French Concession, was shot in his home yesterday by one of his bodyguard.

The bodyguard is understood to have demanded an increase in salary. Chang refused, and a heated argument ensued.

Another bodyguard intervened but was unable to prevent the first bodyguard from shooting both Chang and the would-be peace-maker.

The first bodyguard has been arrested.

Chang Hsiao-ling was born in Hangchow in 1876, and was formerly a director of the China Merchants S. N. Co. and a former director of the Chungwai bank and other important concerns. —Havas.

B.F.R.D.C. ACCOUNTS

THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE BRITISH FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF DISTRESS IN CHINA, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY-JUNE, SHOW NEW RECEIPTS OF OVER \$88,500, WITH A TOTAL ON THE INCOME SIDE, INCLUDING THE AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD OF \$147,932.53.

Payments to various Chinese charitable causes during the six months, to provide relief in Wai-chow, Po On, Tungkung, Canton, Shumchun, Macao, Yan Ping and Kung Yik, Chungshan, for the maintenance of foreign doctors doing refugee work in China and for various other charitable purposes, totalled \$75,615.99, leaving a balance of \$72,316.54.

The Board of Administrators desires to express publicly its sense of appreciation and gratitude to Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming for undertaking the audit free of charge.

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The navicert system introduced on August 1 is reported to be working well and the number of applications the second week were 50 per cent. more than in the first week.

There are now 7½ million more gross tons of shipping available to the Allies than when war began.

The British Empire had about 21 million tons, counting vessels over 100 tons. Owing to captures, building and flag transfers, the total was now slightly over 21 millions despite losses, while 7½ million were available from Norway, the Netherlands and other Allies.

The advantages obtained in recent months have compensated for the much longer distances which the vessels must go for supplies. — Reuter.

EMPIRE CONTROL OF SUPPLY

Asked in the House of Commons whether the British Government would consult with the Governments of the Dominions and other parts of the British Commonwealth with a view to concerting measures similar to those recently adopted by the United States for the purpose of conserving supplies of all vital war requirements for the needs of the Commonwealth itself, Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Under-Secretary in the Dominions Office, said that measures for the control of exports had been enforced in all parts of the British Commonwealth since the early days of the war.

The British Government was in continuous touch with the Dominions Governments and the governments of other parts of the Empire as to the operation of those measures in such a manner as might be best calculated to assist their common war effort. — Reuter.

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LAST DAY'S SALES

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LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 7/8.

London Silver was quoted at 23 7/16 for Spot and 22 11/16 for forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.—0250 and the New York/London rate at £—U.S.\$4.00 1/4.

REACTION ON STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange opened brighter and more active in all groups yesterday but activity was subsequently reduced with a consequent reaction in prices though small net gains in most cases were retained.

Kaffirs, Coppers, rails maintained early improvements, while Foreign Government banks were very firm. Wall Street was irregular. — Reuter.

BRITISH EMPIRE XI MEET THE POLICE IN CRICKET MATCH

Playing twelve a side, the Metropolitan Police drew with the British Empire XI in a match played on August 4.

Batting for the British Empire XI, Clarke, who has represented the West Indies in Test matches, contributed 85 to his side's score.

The final score was: British Empire 220 Metropolitan Police 213 (for 10 wickets). — Reuter.

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LEARNING TO SWIM

The Arm And Leg Stroke

By Guy Larcom, Jr.

Co-Author With Harold S. Ulen of "The Complete Swimmer"

(This is the second of a series of 12 articles which appeared in the "Christian Science Monitor.")

"THE SWIMMER, THEN, has to study a stroke thoroughly and repeat its motions until the muscles learn their new duties and the arms, legs, and head move as if in grooves."

The ease with which the body movements developed in this haphazard way would be considered a "stroke." This type of teaching has been repudiated, first, because it piles into a single awkward experience, what can be a rather delightful education and, second, because the imperfect stroke thus learned will only have to be unlearned later. Better to take the fundamentals that we now know to be essential to good swimming slowly, building up bit by bit the arm stroke, kick, breathing, and co-ordination until something as graceful and lively as a well-built ship results.



A lot of swimming can even be learned on land, perhaps in front of a mirror, and the person able to perform gracefully, as is illustrated in 5 and 6, has progressed further than the noisy splasher who may already be able to take one foot off the bottom. These are the arm stroke movements of the crawl, generally the first stroke to be taught because the fluid muscles of young boys and girls take quickly to its smooth co-ordination, because they will want to know it eventually anyhow, because, in short, it represents the acme of all swimming experience—a stroke that has evolved from the laborious trials of watermen down through the centuries, passed from hand to hand, continuously improved, until it reached its present-day perfection.

The position of the trunk and arms, of the figure in 5 and 6 is the same as if he were in the water. This is a continuous, alternate overarm stroke; one arm pulls as the other recovers. The form in the illustrations could hardly be improved upon. The forward or "pulling" arm theoretically grips the water, while the rear or "recovering" arm is being lifted elbow first out of the water. The pulling arm presses down beneath the shoulder (Figure 6) with only a slight crook at the elbow. The raised elbow, loose forearm and fingers of the "recovering" arm should be noted. This has ceased to do any work, to contribute to forward progress; therefore, it is flipped forward as loosely and quickly as possible and high enough to clear the surface and eliminate drag.



Breathing can be practiced simultaneously with this land-stroke. The swimmer inhales on the pull of one arm (right or left) and exhales on the pull of the alternate. Then in the water and leaning forward into a rough approximation of the swimming position, he can again strive for the basic pattern of the overarm crawl stroke. The swimmer twists his head to the side to inhale as the right arm digs into the water—will exhale by turning the face forward into the water when the left arm is submerged for the pull. With the crawl armstroke goes the flutter kick. In fact, it is this kick as perfected by Weismuller and others that really makes the modern crawl what it is. Although it will eventually prove most rewarding, at the outset, it is true, it shows little promise. The movements seem simple—beating the legs up and down—and most beginners will gladly, with the slightest encouragement from their instructor, place their hands on bottom, and kicking this way lay down a barrage of water that drenches everything within five yards.

As a matter of fact, the move-

ments are basically simple. Yet there is a little trick or knack that it may take time to learn. Practice on land is not too helpful because it does not permit sufficient relaxation. In the water the swimmer can hang onto the side of a pool, or at the beach rest in shallow water on his hands, and kick easily and slowly. It is best to strive at first for a slow, rather loose raising and lowering of the legs from the hips. What the swimmer seeks is the "feeling" that the legs are catching the water and pushing it backward and away. The hips and upper thighs do the work, the knees bend slightly, the ankles are loose and the legs do not separate more than a foot and a half at the ankles.

Gradually, the learner will begin to notice that his arm motions have developed a rhythm, will begin to feel a sense of control over his legs and arms and even over his breathing. The time has arrived to set himself afloat and to try out his new arm and leg strokes—to swim!

Photographs and quotations are from "The Complete Swimmer," published by the Macmillan Company of New York.

GOVT. LAWN BOWLS COMPETITION

Representatives of the various Government Department teams are requested to attend a meeting to be held at the Police Recreation Club at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, regarding the arrangements for the Inter-Departmental Lawn Bowls Competition for the Gascombe-O'Sullivan Cup.

C.R.C. BEAT RECREIO IN "A" DIVISION

In "A" Division of the Tennis League yesterday Chinese Recreation Club beat Recreio by 6½ sets to 2½.

W. P. Tsui and W. C. Hung (C.R.C.) beat A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios 6-3

beat W. A. Reed and F. J. Remedios 6-1

lost to A. V. Remedios and J. Gonsalves 4-6

Y. P. Tsui and P. Kong (C.R.C.) beat Gosano and Remedios 6-2

beat Reed and Remedios 6-2

drew with Remedios and Gonsalves 6-6

W. T. Lee and D. C. Luk (C.R.C.) beat Gosano and Remedios 6-3

beat Reed and Remedios 6-4

lost to Remedios and Gonsalves 3-6

League Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
I.R.C.	2	2	0	11½	6½	4	
C.R.C.	1	1	0	6½	2½	2	
S.C.A.A.	2	1	0	1	10	2	
C.D.R.	3	1	0	2½	14½	2	
H.K.U.T.C.	1	0	0	1	3½	5½	0
K.C.C.	1	0	0	1	3	6	0



"C" DIVISION MATCHES

Chinese Recreation Club beat Police by 6½-1½ in the "C" Division.

M. K. Yew and P. C. Leung (C.R.C.) beat B. C. Fay and C. Pile 6-4

beat A. R. Major and W. Morrison 6-1

beat W. Howlett and B. G. Baker 6-3

F. K. Lau and Wei Chung (C.R.C.) beat Fay and Pile 6-3

drew with Major and Morrison 6-6

beat Howlett and Baker 6-2

W. K. Ma and O. L. Pang (C.R.C.) beat Fay and Pile 6-3

beat Major and Morrison 6-1

beat Howlett and Baker 6-2

RECREIO "A" v RECREIO "B"

Recreio "A" beat Recreio "B" 9-0

R. A. Marques and A. E. Noronha ("A")

beat V. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho 6-3

beat N. Beltrao and A. M. Alves 6-1

beat C. A. Marques and P. M. F. Rozario 6-1

A. M. Silva and J. C. Fonseca ("A")

beat Yvanovich and Botelho 6-2

beat Beltrao and Alves 6-1

beat Marques and Rozario 6-0

H. A. Noronha and G. A. Noronha ("A")

beat Yvanovich and Botelho 6-0

beat Beltrao and Alves 6-2

beat Marques and Rozario 6-2

League Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.I.T.C.	6	5	0	1	17	10	
C.R.C.	4	4	0	32	4	8	
C.D.R.	4	4	0	20	10	8	
K.T.G.C.A.	6	4	0	23	21	8	
S.C.A.A.	4	3	0	123½	12½	6	
H.K.P.S.A.	6	3	0	24½	20½	6	
A.T.C.	6	2	0	32	23	4	
K.C.C.	6	1	1	4	19	35	3
C.D.R.	8	1	1	62½	47½	3	
H.K.U.T.C.	4	1	0	3	13½	22½	2
C.B.A.	3	0	0	3	0	21	0
J.R.C.	3	0	0	3	0	27	0

CORRESPONDENCE

The Sports Editor

"China Mail"

Sir,—The cricket season is fast approaching and it is time for the Hong Kong Cricket League to wake up and "prepare for action!" Local conditions as they are at present, may tend to make things rather difficult, but there must be a solution.

League cricket was played last season despite the War and there is no reason why it should not be played again during the forthcoming winter if most of the cricket clubs are for it. Surely the easiest solution would be for the Cricket League to call a meeting this month instead of late September and decide things one way or the other so that cricketers may know what to expect.

The idea of a Volunteer inter-unit League in place of club cricket as suggested by your cricket correspondent is a good one, if practicable. But it is doubtful whether clubs are prepared to lend their grounds out every Saturday and Sunday. They might feel that members have first call and no-one can blame them for that.

But why not, as Lt-Col. Mitchell suggests, a Sunday inter-unit league? This could be a thoroughly enjoyable affair in place of the usual Volunteer Sunday matches against other clubs. If about half a dozen matches were played each week, it would mean that the clubs would only need to lend their grounds about twice a month, whilst still catering for their own members every Saturday.

With a bit of organisation the success of such a League would be ensured so once again "WHY NOT?"

"FAST BOWLER"

The Sports Editor

"China Mail"

Sir—I see this old subject of league cricket has cropped up again. I cannot understand why, in Hong Kong, it is considered so necessary. League cricket, as I have experienced it, only tends to make of matches cut-throat affairs with everyone keyed up and grim.

Surely the best form of cricket is that when nothing is at stake—the village green type for instance. Now that the local Volunteer is able to get all the exercise he wants in the course of his training, and the mastering of the technical side of soldiering, together with ordinary office duties, supplies him with all the mental exercise he can handle, the type of recreation he wants in such little spare time that he has is something very friendly and over which he has not to be bound down too much by "discipline," as your "Mr. Adrem" suggests, and is able to play the game for the game's sake.

So let's forget all this talk of the regimentation of our games and fix our matches as and when we feel like them.

"YOKEL"

The Sports Editor

"China Mail"

Dear Sir,

I wish to take issue with the write-up you gave to your Revolutionary Plans for Local Cricket last Friday, in which you said that cricket was "surely the ideal form of Sunday recreation." I am not a cricketer nor a cricket-fan, and the last time I had anything to do with this game was years ago at school when I regularly fell asleep in the long grass at a position which I believed is called the outfield. Nevertheless, I have heard about cricket from time to time, and as far as I can see it has not altered much since the days I went to school. When, therefore, I saw the huge headlines over "Adrem's" article, I started to read it with interest, thinking that at last someone had decided to do something with this somnolent pastime. But, alas, it was nothing more Red Flagish than a suggestion that Volunteers should play cricket on Sundays!

Why not be really revolutionary and suggest a few necessary changes to brighten up the game and make it worth while getting excited over? Compare the fun and frolic that goes on at a baseball or softball game with the sleepy "Oh, good show, sir," that one hears yawned—or, as I am informed—during the torpid course of a cricket match.

Why not, for instance, have four bases instead of the two wickets? Place one wicket somewhere near the middle of the field, with a pitcher's stump 22

yards away. Then have three other bases around the pitcher's base, something like those in a baseball diamond, and roughly 22 yards apart. The game would then be played like this:—

Team "A" would send in four batsmen, who would each take up a position on a bag. The pitcher, or bowler, would bowl normally down the pitch to batsman "A" at the one wicket. The latter hits, cuts, slices or ignores the ball, as in cricket. Should he hit it, he can call a run, whereupon he runs to first base, "B" to second, "C" to third and "D" to the wicket. Runs are as in baseball, i.e. "A" may get completely round, and score a run, or may stop at whatever base he chooses.

Assume "A" stops at second base. The other bases will then be filled by "C" at the wicket, "D" at first base, and "B" at third base. "C" then faces the bowling, and the game continues. Should "A" get completely round and back to the wicket, he makes one run, and continues batting. Batsmen are "out" by being bowled; by being run-out on any base; by being caught; and so on—both a la baseball and a la cricket.

Unlike baseball, however, there are no foul balls, although there are wides and byes.

Final details of the game can be worked out quite easily, and would retain the best features of both baseball and cricket. At the end of a maiden over, each batsman moves up one base.

I shall probably be laughed at by Real Cricketers and other Arch-Diehards who mumble about the Sacredness of the Game and what was good enough for their fathers is good enough for them, and similar twaddle. If, however, there are 44 good men and bold who are willing to try the experiment, I think it will be found that, far from making themselves laughing-stocks, they will be hailed as Pioneers, men who lifted Cricket out of the Slough of Despond and made it a World Sport instead of a parochial sort of superstitious-winks played by a few Englishmen and some Australians.

The possibilities are enormous—think of the New-Cricket Elevens: America might be able to provide! Think of reading the headlines "New York Giants to Play M.C.C. at the Oval!" Think of—oh heck, just think of the huge crowds that will turn out to watch and really enjoy themselves for once!

"ICONOCLAST"

ARMY TENNIS

Playing at Sookunpoo yesterday, 5th A.A. Battery, Royal Artillery, beat Royal Scots Regiment, by 5 sets to 4 in a First Division Army tennis League.

Capt. Ingram and Bdr. Mew (R.A.)

beat Lieut. Fergus and Sgt. Taylor 6-2

lost to Cpl. Alsey and Wills 5-7

beat L/Cpl. Glasgow and L/Cpl. Fowler 6-1

Lieut. Tavener and Sgt. Morgan (R.A.)

beat Fergus and Taylor 6-0

lost to Alsey and Wills 6-8

beat Glasgow and Fowler 7-5

Sgt. Lavis and Sgt. Coughlin (R.A.)

beat Fergus and Taylor 6-3

lost to Alsey and Wills 2-6

lost to Glasgow and Fowler 1-6

8TH R.A. v. 36TH R.A.

In a Second Division Army Tennis League played at Sookunpoo yesterday, 8th Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery, beat 36th Battery, R.A., by 6 sets to 3.

Freer and Parnell (8th R.A.)

beat Mills and Thompson 6-4

beat Goodenough and Woolridge 6-3

beat Hicks and Davis 6-3

Alexander and Marsden (8th R.A.)

beat Mills and Thompson 7-5

lost to Goodenough and Woolridge 2-0

lost to Hicks and Davis 4-6

Bowditch and Maynard (8th R.A.)

beat Mills and Thompson 6-1

beat Goodenough and Woolridge 6-0

lost to Hicks and Davis 4-0

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

The following is to-day's "D" Division tennis League programme:—

C.R.C. "A" v. Filipino Club

S.C.A.A. v. C.R.C. "B"

NEW NATIONAL RECORD SET IN LAST NIGHT'S SWIMMING GALA

Chinese "Y" Set Fine Mark In 200 Metres Relay

THE SECOND TRIANGULAR swimming contest between Chinese "Y," South China and Chinese Bathing Club held at North Point last night resulted in a tie between Y.M.C.A. and Chinese Bathing Club with 11 points each. South China had nine.

A National record is believed to have been set in the 200 metres relay by Y.M.C.A. comprising Lo Yuk-wing, Cheung Chee-heung, Chan Ping-hong and Chan Wing-kai. The time was 2.00 2/5, compared with 2.01 1.10 set during the Fifth National Meet at Nanking in 1935.

The women's 400 metres did not prove as exciting as was expected through the non-entry of the Chinese Bathing Club representative. Lee Po-luen (South China), went off to a fine start, and led by a third of the bath after the first 100 metres. She won by a bath and a quarter. Both used the breast-stroke throughout.

The water-polo match between Y.M.C.A. and South China resulted in a draw. H. Wing-lee scoring for South China, and Sung Yiu-tak replying.

Results:
100 metres ("A" Class):—1, Lo Yuk-wing (Y.M.C.A.); 2, Yeung Cheung-wah (S.C.); 3, Wan Lul-man (C.B.C.). Time: 1.19 4/5. "B" Class:—1, Ching Man-huen (Y.M.C.A.); 2, Lee Pak-hi (S.C.); 3, Lau Wo (S.C.). Time: 1.14 4/5.

Boys' 100 metres breast-stroke:—1, Yeung Ting-hong (S.C.); 2, Lau Man-shu (C.B.C.); 3, Lai Sun-ming (S.C.). Time: 1.58 2/5. Girls:—1, Ho Wai-tak (C.B.C.); 2, Ho Wai-hang (C.B.C.). Time: 2 mins. 14 secs.

Girls' 400 metres:—1, Miss Lee Po-luen; 2, Miss Yeung Kin-yuk. Time: 7.39.

200 metres relay:—1, Y.M.C.A. (Lo Yuk-wing, Cheung Chee-heung, Chan Ping-hong, Chan Wing-kai) 2.00 2/5; 2, C.B.C. (Wong Yat-hung, Kwok Fung-sun, Au Kwok-kei, Wong Sau-san) 2.00 3/5; 3, S.C. (Yeung Cheung-wah, Kwok Hon-ming, Au Leung-wah, Chu Pui-kan).

Girls' 50 metres ("B" Class):—1, Shiu Kwei-yin (Y.M.C.A.); 2, Ho Wai-man (S.C.); 3, Nam Shuet-ye (S.C.). Time: 47 4/5. "A" Class:—1, Lee Cheuk-wah (S.C.); 2, Ho Wai-king (C.B.C.); 3, Chan Mei-chong (Y.M.C.A.). Time: 40.

SUCCESSFUL V.R.C. GALA

An intra-club gala held at Victoria Recreation Club last night provided excellent sport for a large number of members of both sexes.

Following were the results:—

50 yards backstroke:—1, J. Gosano; 2, F. A. Noronha; 3, A. K. Rumjahn. Time: 38.1.

Women's 50 yards:—1, C. Guterres; 2, I. Lopes and J. Anderson. Time: 35.1.

Boys' 50 yards:—1, R. Souza; 2, G. Yvanovich; 3, L. Remedios. Time: 37.2.

Women's 50 yards (Class "B"):—1, M. Choa; 2, Y. Yolle; 3, M. Campos. Time: 39.

100 yards (Class "A"):—1, C. Silva Netto; 2, L. M. Remedios; 3, A. J. Hussain. Time: 63.

50 yards (Class "B"):—1, J. Gosano; 2, A. H. Azeo; 3, J. Soares. Time: 29.1.

50 yards breast-stroke (butterfly):—1, A. K. Rumjahn; 2, C. Marcal; 3, L. M. Remedios. Time: 32.4.

Diving (sealed handicap):—1, H. Ribeiro (35.6); 2, A. A. Guterres (31.6); 3, C. M. Rozario, (30.8).

Women's 100 yards (Class "A"):—1, C. Guterres; 2, J. Anderson; 3, I. Lopes. Time: 80.2.

100 yards (Class "B"):—1, J. A. Marques; 2, F. M. Castro; 3, J. A. Soares. Time: 67.1.

Boys 100 yards:—1, L. Reme-

"Y" HOCKEY MEETING

The annual meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club will be held in the Ground Floor Lounge of the Y.M.C.A. at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20th, when it is hoped that all interested will attend.

The agenda will include the Hon. Secretary's report, the election of officers and a discussion of policy for the forthcoming season.

K.B.G.C. BEAT "BOWLSTERS"

Playing at home yesterday, Kowloon Bowling Green Club beat "Bowlers" by 13 shots in a friendly match.

K.B.G.C. "Bowlers"
H. J. Bicknell J. A. Fraser
S. C. Walker F. Flippance
G. H. Sherriff J. T. Smith
W. S. Drake Hon. S. H. Dodwell

(Skip) 26 (Skip) 18
H. C. Spong W. A. Cornell
A. Nissim Sir. A. D. MacGregor

H. H. Rose Dr. Smalley
J. Fraser H. H. Pegg
(Skip) 20 (Skip) 27
J. E. Henson W. L. Walker
K. C. Hamilton Hon. N. L. Smith

SING TAO LEAVE FOR BURMA

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Playing their last match in the Straits prior to leaving for Burma, the touring Sing Tao football team beat All-Penang, for the second time, by 4-3 on Tuesday.

The team left for Rangoon yesterday. (Copyright by "Sing Tao Jih Pao.")

L. A. Jordan Dr. Newton
J. McKelvie J. Deakin
(Skip) 27 (Skip) 15
Totals 73 60

SOCCER

REFEREE TO DECIDE FITNESS OF GROUND

Despite opposition from the Police, Hong Kong area and Royal Scots, a proposal that the referee be the sole judge of whether a ground were playable, was carried by a six to five vote at the monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association yesterday.

As there was no ruling on the point, Mr. Wong Kat-sun, Chairman, suggested that a rule be inserted in the Association's handbook.

The draw for the first round of the league on September 21 resulted.

First Division.—Police v Navy, Royal Scots v South China, Kowloon v St. Joseph's, Club v Kwong Wah, Sing Tao v Eastern, Middlesex a bye.

Second Division.—Middlesex v Kit Chee, Police v Ordnance, Royal Scots v South China, Kowloon v R.A.S.C., Club v Kwong Wah, Sing Tao v Eastern, 30th R.A. v Engineers.

Third Division.—Air Force v Signals, International v 35th R.A., 36th R.A. v Amateurs, 12th R.A. v 7th A.A., 20th R.A. v Engineers, R.A.M.C. v 24th R.A., Shell v R.A.S.C.



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GOLD FLAKE

THEY'RE MILD AND MELLOW

NAZI RAIDERS GIVE PAUSE

Pace Of Attack Slackens After Severe Maulings

"PROTECTION" DEMANDS IN CITY AREA

LETTERS DEMANDING SUMS BETWEEN \$30,000 AND \$50,000 HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY SOME EIGHT CHINESE MONEY-CHANGER FIRMS IN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, THE "CHINA MAIL" LEARNED THIS AFTER-NOON.

The letters were apparently from a Triad Society and indicated that the addressees must reply to the demand within a week.

A spot in Caine Road was mentioned as the place where the money must be handed over.

"Those firms who cannot pay the sums demanded will be allowed up to June next year to fulfil their obligations," the letters added.

It is understood that the money-changers held a meeting and decided to ignore the demand.

FUNERAL OF LATE MR. OLSEN

The funeral of the late Mr. Frithjof Olsen, 49, chief engineer of the s.s. Dukat, will take place at the Colonial Cemetery at 5 p.m. to-day.

The late Mr. Olsen was found dead inside his cabin on board the ship about 6.30 a.m. yesterday. The ship was in Taikoo Decks.

An 11-year-old boy, G. Soares, of No. 20, Hillwood Road, was treated at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, after being bitten by a dog, owned by Mr. Guterres, of No. 218, Nathan Road, ground floor.

EX-MANAGER ON CONVERSION CHARGE

Yue Kar-chi, 29, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lawry this morning with fraudulent conversion of \$7,356.97, between May 10, 1939, and February 18 this year.

Defendant was formerly employed as the manager of the Wing Yue Firm, No. 131, Wing Lok Street.

The case was adjourned for one week. Defendant was allowed bail of \$5,000.

INDIAN SERGEANT DIES ON PATROL

Indian Police Sergeant Hazara Singh, while on patrol duty in the New Territories yesterday, suddenly collapsed and died.

KONOYE CHANGES MIND ABOUT ONE PARTY SYSTEM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IN HIS ATTEMPT to build a new political structure for Japan, Prince Konoye, Japanese Premier, has abandoned the idea of forming a single political party, states the "Asahi Shimbun" basing its report on information from "well-informed sources."

Instead, Government will indicate those political parties which it is willing to recognise. Even political organisations outside the new structure may be granted recognition, the fundamental principle being that all subjects must be allowed to assist the Emperor in the conduct of State affairs.

The newspaper has also been informed that the new national structure will rebuild Japan without resorting to the reform of the Japanese Constitution presented to the country by the Emperor Meiji.

The change will be carried out within the framework of existing constitutional laws which will make it impossible for a candidate to stand for election to a seat in the Houses of Representatives unless he is sponsored by one of the recognised organisations.

Candidates will have their campaign expenses paid by the State and will draw an annual salary of Yen 6,000 instead of the present Yen 3,000.

Prince Konoye, the Premier, has also decided to appoint a full time Minister for Overseas Affairs, according to the Japanese Army newspaper "Yomiuri Shimbun."

Mr. Matsuoka Too Busy

The Premier decided on the appointment when the Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, who is at present entrusted with the Overseas Ministry, informed him that his duties in the Foreign Ministry did not allow time for dealing with other overseas affairs.

It is believed that Lieutenant-General Yoshitsugu Tetsukawa, well-known for his nationalistic views, may be entrusted with the new post.

Another candidate, Mr. Koyoshi Akita, formerly Welfare Minister in the Abe Cabinet, is reported to be favoured by the Foreign Ministry.—Havas.

SIX KILLED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Six persons were killed and 23 injured in 92 traffic accidents during the week ended Saturday, August 10.

Among those killed were a Chinese passenger in a ricksha and a Chinese, 25 years of age, who attempted to alight from a moving bus. An Indian boy and three Chinese children were killed by heavy vehicles when running across the road.

Several Killed In Train At Southampton

AFTER THE SEVERE mauling which they had received in the three previous days, during which over 200 of their planes were shot down, the German Air Force took a holiday from blitzkrieg tactics yesterday, though there was plenty of air activity.

An attack was made during the morning on the barrage balloons at Dover and a lightship was bombed.

An unsuccessful attack was also made on an aerodrome in Kent, where two enemy dive-bombers were shot down by anti-aircraft guns.

Air Force fighters also engaged the enemy at several points and inflicted casualties, but as the official communique states, enemy pressure was much less pronounced.

During the afternoon, scattered attacks were made on several districts in the South-East and South-West.

Train Bombed

At Southampton, high explosive bombs caused slight damage to a stationary train and a number of people were injured, several fatally.

Air Force fighters were constantly on patrol and swift into action.

According to reports received up to last evening, fifteen enemy aircraft had been destroyed by R.A.F. fighters during the day and four of our fighters are missing.—Reuter.

Attack On Lightship

Each raider dropped two bombs, one of which struck the lightship astern, killing two of the crew and wounding the others, who escaped in a boat before the ship sank.

A flight of Hurricanes streaked across the sky. One overtook and pounced on the tail of a bomber, which was sent spinning into the sea, riddled with machine-gun bullets.

The others escaped over France. The lightship's survivors were rescued.—Reuter.

Latest Figures

It is now officially stated in London that twenty German aircraft were destroyed yesterday round Britain's coasts.

The Air Ministry communique states that of the twenty, seventeen were shot down by R.A.F. fighters and three by anti-aircraft fire from the ground.

"One of our pilots previously reported missing is safe. The number of pilots lost as the result of yesterday's action is, therefore, now three."—Reuter.

STORY OF TSUNGMING ATROCITIES

Further details of Japanese atrocities in Tsungming Island at the mouth of the Yangtze River are revealed in despatches received in Chungking.

In retaliation for Chinese guerilla activities on August 2, the Japanese have massacred large numbers in various villages.

Chuhou, Tachuan, Lapa, Hsiang-lung, Machiao, Hsiehchia, Jihsin and other villages have been reduced to ruins, rendering thousands homeless.

The victims are arriving in Shanghai daily by hundreds.

The puppet Self-Defence Corps on the island, numbering over 100, were suspected of helping the guerillas and were mowed down with machine-guns by the Japanese in cold blood.—Central News.

STOP PRESS

The Syrian frontier has been completely re-opened and the French authorities are now granting transit visas to all British subjects, says a Reuter message from Ankara.

It was officially stated in London this morning that in all 26 German planes were destroyed yesterday, including fourteen bombers, three fighter-bombers and nine fighters.

Four British pilots in all were lost.

There were a few casualties, some of them fatal, in a German air attack on an R.A.F. aerodrome.—Reuter.



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